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One dead, 100 injured, in rail crash

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT AND ADAM FRESCO

A WOMAN was killed and up to 100 people were injured last night, 27 seriously, when a packed commuter train ploughed into an empty train near Watford Junction in Hertfordshire. Emergency services cut free 40 people from the wreckage.

The crash was the worst since the privatisation of British Rail began two years ago. More than 400 were on the commuter train.

Seven passengers freed from the wreckage had life threatening injuries, said a spokeswoman for the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire ambulance service. The main

line from Euston to Birmingham. Manchester and Glasgow was still blocked late last night.

The collision at 5.28pm at Radlett Road near Watford sent both trains careering into the air and ripped down overhead electrified cables. Passengers were seen by eyewitnesses emerging "bloodied and dazed" from the wreck-

Watford General Hospital said it received about 40 "walking wounded" and ex-pected "in the region of 70 major and minor incident casualties". "Those we are coping with at the moment are mainly head and arm cuts and bruises," a spokesman said. The two trains were the fourcoach 5.04pm London Euston



The accident scene after the 5.04 from Euston to Milton Keynes and an empty train collided south of Watford

to Milton Keynes service and an empty stock train travelling from Bletchley to Euston. Eyewitnesses said they heard a loud bang as the trains collid-

Gerry Lowe, who lives near the line, said: "All of a sudden there was noise and trains, and a huge crash. I thought one of the carriages was

garden, but it stopped in a precarious sort of postion on its side. I wandered down and saw two or three people leaving the carriage bloodled and

overhead cables came down. coming my way into the in a dazed condition wandering off."

About 20 to 30 walking wounded were escorted from the scene by ambulance personnel. Others were carried away on stretchers to a fleet of London Railways, the rail waiting ambulances. Many suffered superficial cuts and bruises although some were holding their heads. One held his hand to his eye. Roger Tabor, who wit-

nessed the crash, said: "There was the sound of a train coming along, then there was a siren sound to clear things, and then there was the most awful impact."

Mary Hefferman, 52, said: There was the most almighty crash and there were sparks and smoke and

The accident will renew concern about safety on the railways after privatisation, following a series of leaks about narrowly avoided disasters in recent weeks. North company operating the ser-vice, said the two drivers and two guards from the trains had been taken to hospital. We think the accident happened a few hundred yards out of the station so the passenger train would have been slowing down," said a

spokesman. A Health and Safety Executive spokesman said two inspectors from Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate had been sent to the scene.

Last night's accident is only a few miles along the line from the scene of Britain's worst post-war rail crash, at Harrow and Wealdstone just north of London on October 8, 1952, when 112 people were killed

Hundred die as flash flood swamps camp

By Tunku Varadarajan in huesca, Edward Owen in madrid AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

by an ad hoc dam created by

rocks and uprooted trees

which amassed by a road

bridge just above the site. That

allowed a massive build-up of

water and when the bridge gave way, a 6ft wall of water

swept into the campsite from

There was no time for a

warning, but many campers

in tents had already driven

into nearby villages because of

Barry and Andrée Cope-

stake of Grimsby were fleeing

the site in their car when they

were swamped by the tidal wave of water, mud, rocks and trees. "We got about ten yards

and it just ripped through the

site," Mr Copestake said. "It

was bouncing over the bonnet

30 yards away.

the downpour.

AT LEAST a hundred holidaymakers were feared dead last banks in torrential rain, hurling an avalanche of water, mud and rock over a crowded campsite in the Spanish Pyrenees.

Another 200 were injured. many seriously, when the flash flood swept away the popular Las Nieves site near Biescas on Wednesday. They included a British couple who were admitted to hospital in Huesca, 50 miles away.

By last night 72 bodies had been recovered - some of them from ten miles downstream - and another 30 were unaccounted for. Most of the victims were Spanish, although holidaymakers from France, Germany and Belgium were also killed. The dozen or so Britons who had been staying at the site were believed to be safe.

Disaster struck at about 7pm on Wednesday when the fast-running river Gallego, swollen by two hours of rain and hail, surged over the site, sweeping away campers, cars, caravans, tents and bicycles.

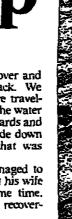
The camping ground might have survived had the path of the torrent not been blocked of the car. It turned over and everything went black. We ling upside down in the water for several hundred yards and we came to rest upside down against a caravan that was stuck by some trees."

Mr Copestake managed to get out of the car, but his wife was trapped for some time. Last night both were recovering in hospital.

Luis Bardaji, the campsite owner said. The unthinkable happened and in ten minutes the camp was gone."

The award-winning Campsite in the area. But vesterday all that remained was a giant and boulders strewn everyhelped by army earthmoving

equipment and helicopters. As the regional government of Aragón declared three days of mourning. King Carlos and Queen Solia broke off from their holiday in Majorca to



It was terrible, terible,"

ing Las Nieves, with its cool mountain air and spectacular views, was the most popular scar with mangled trees, cars where. About 500 rescue workers - soldiers, firemen, civil guardsmen and local villagers — searched ceaselessly for signs of life or death



Bicycles and a car lie abandoned in the muddy wreckage of Las Nieves campsite after the deluge that killed and injured hundreds

visit the disaster area and those in hospital. José María Aznar, the Prime Minister, also toured the devastated camp in his shirt sleeves, and declared it "a ghastly sight".

In neighbouring Biescas, almost every family took in lodgers from among the rescuers and homeless tourists. The tragedy has numbed the area. which lives off tourism, and many fear that the district will be tarnished forever as too dangerous to visit.

Distraught survivors were

undermine the efforts of Don-

ald Dewar, the chief whip, to crack down on dissident MPs.

the immediate storm over her

onslaught had subsided; there

were also strong signs that Ms Short had forfeited goodwill

among MPs who would nor-

mally be counted as her

supporters. Mr Blair was given better

holiday news in the latest opinion poll published today.

The Gallup survey in The Daily Telegraph showed Lab-

our susbstantially increasing

its lead over the Tories. The

poil put Labour on 59 per cent,

up 4.5 points, the Conserva-

tives on 25 per cent, down I point, and the Liberal Demo-

crats on 11 per cent, down 3.5.

Last night it was clear that

counselled by scores of psychiatrists flown in by the regional government - one psychiatrist told of a man who lost his four children; another woman was rendered speechless by the death of her son. "My hair stands on end when I remember the scene after the water had subsided," one medical officer said. "What I saw was straight out of Dante. Bodies floating coated in mud, shredded tents, trees uprooted, smahsed cars. But what can

defenceless people do when

faced with the violence of nature and a river gone mad?" As police searched downstream for more bodies, another rescuer said that the tragedy could have been still greater. "The campsite was full and had nearly 700 people registered as staying there. Had the flood hit at one in the morning, with everyone asleep in their tents and caravans, we would still be counting the dead."

Battle for survival, page 3

Ulster protest over march

Sectarian tension mounted in Londonderry after republicans confirmed that they would demonstrate in the Roman Catholic Bogside area during a loyalist parade tomorrow afternoon. The Bogside Residents' Group called on supporters to meet at the Free Derry

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Peace breaks out as Blair and Short make a deal

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR stay on in the face of what

appeared to be an outright

challenge to his authority. Mr Blair inevitably provoked charges of weak leadership

from the Conservatives. There

TONY BLAIR and Clare Short sealed an uneasy truce yesterday as the Labour leadership struggled to contain the fallout from her blistering attack on his style of running the party and the "dark forces" surrounding hom.

In a largely successful short-term damage limitation oper-ation Mr Blair, from Tuscany where he is on holiday, and Ms Short co-ordinated statements in which they agreed that there were no policy divisions between them.

The formula was designed to allow Mr Blair to close the matter without having to dismiss Ms Short from her post overseas development spokesman, an act that would have prolonged the turmoil without silencing her. She might also have become a rallying point for dissent at the autumn party conference. But by enabling Ms Short to



It's like Punch and Judy but they fight a lot more

was also a risk that it would

charged with his murder.

Clark, 54, was found stabbed to death in his onebedroom council flat in west London. Diego Cogolato, 28, will appear at Marylebone Magistrates Court today. Police were called to the flat in Notting Hill at 7am on Wednesday after a man made a

bankrupt in 1983. Zandra Rhodes, who also

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Ossie Clark murder

By Stephen Farrell

Lover charged with

THE boyfriend of Ossie Clark, the flamboyant Sixties fashion designer, was last night

999 call from a telephone box. Pop musicians, film stars and other designers yesterday paid tribute to Clark, who designed stage outfits for Mick Jagger and clothes for Elizabeth Taylor and Marie Helvin, and was one of the most talented designers of his era. He lacked business sense. however, and was declared

a massive contribution to the British fashion industry. His work represents the first flowering of British fashion and would have been even more of a success worldwide if he had

been working in Paris." Clark was separated from his wife, Celia Birtwell, the fashion material designer. The couple have two sons, Albert, 26, a chef, and George, 24, a trainee interior designer.

Speaking at the interior design shop she owns in Ladbroke Grove Miss Birt-well said yesterday that the pressures of fame had grown too much for Clark: "I have two wonderful sons from Ossie and we are in shock and grief. He was a unique designer. The years from 1966 to 1974 were the marvellous times. It's a pity it didn't go on. I think he got broken by it all."

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Hospital says paper knew abortion had happened '



Douglas: denies knowing operation had taken place

THE hospital at the centre of the selective abortion dispute claimed yesterday that the newspaper which broke the story knew the operation had already taken place.
A spokesman for Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, said it had made clear to the Sunday Express that the abortion of the single. healthy twin had been done, but said that the newspaper referred to the operation as if it had yet to be

Professor Philip Bennett, the obstetrician who performed the operation, was faxed a copy of the article before publication and says that he changed it to the past tense and faxed it back. But when a second copy was sent to him, the abortion was still mentioned as if it

were still to happen. The story pened, but if she is now saying that caused a furore in which £60,000 she didn't understand then that is was pledged by anti-abortion campaigners to help the 28-year-old single mother who said that she could not cope with two more children. The hospital admitted that the abortion had been carried out only after the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child was granted a High Court injunction stopping it from taking place.
Yesterday the hospital said: "It is

true that Caroline Phillips [the reporter) was told that the operation had been done. We are not accusing the Sunday Express or Caroline Phillips of lying, but we do think there has been a misunderstanding here.

"Professor Bennett was certain in his own mind that Miss Phillips understood it had already happossible and we have to accept that. Professor Bennett says he was told by the paper that the present tense was used in the copy as a journalistic device because it was a feature rather than a news report. He did clear the copy as accurate and he does not deny that."

Sunday Express, denied the hospital's version of events and said that at no time had she been told that the operation had already taken place. The story came out on Sunday. On Monday the hospital was making no comment but Philip Bennett confirmed the accuracy of the story," she said. "That was chance No 1 to put the record straight if he felt it was wrong.

Sue Douglas, Editor of the

"On Tuesday, when the injunc-

that the operation had taken place. Why not say this on Sunday or Monday? Now, on Thursday, the hospital is saying we knew, which we did not."

She admitted that changes had

been made to the copy to protect the woman's identity, but denied that Professor Bennett's words had been changed from the past to the present tense. "When we did the interview Philip Bennett was talking in the present tense. Then when we played back the tape there was some doubt whether the case was still being considered or whether it had already happened. This was when we went back to him and, when he approved the copy, we were confident it had not already taken place."

Miss Phillips said that at no time

happened. "One copy of the article was faxed back to me from Philip Bennett. With his agreement, minor changes were made relating to the woman's age, and that was it. I can say with 100 per cent certainty that no fax was sent changing the

tense of the article." Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, expressed "deep concern" yesterday about the case. He told BBC Radio 4's PM programme: "As a human being I share the very deep sense of concern about the way in which this decision has emerged. But as a minister I have to respect the fact that the question of the law on abortion has been repeatedly debated and ... so far as I am aware, nobody has suggested anybody in this case has acted outside the law."



Bennett: says he changed report into past tense

Labour wants big donations to be declared

By Philip Webster, political editor

POLITICAL parties would have to declare the source of all donations of more than £5,000 under legislation promised by Labour yesterday.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, announced that, if elected, Labour would prevent parties accepting donations from foreign sources, require companies to hold ballots of shareholders before making political donations. and give shareholders the right to opt out of their share of a political fund.

Mr Cook also announced that, from this autumn, Labour would declare the sources of all its donations over £5,000, and challenged the Conservatives to do the same. He said the summer weather had "brought out the stench of political scandal from the coffers of the Tory party. We have learnt that by slipping the Tory party a hundred grand, a businessman can get an intimate dinner with the Prime Minister. We have discovered that some of the companies who stand to make most out of the sale of Britain's railways are the very companies who give

most to the Tory party.

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the party was bankrupt with an overdraft of £19 million. Today that party boasts a £20 million surplus to buy back its way to power with saturation advertising. The public is entitled to know who is bankrolling the campaign." He challenged the Tories to give one reason that they should be allowed to hide their backers in the accounts.

Mr Cook also confirmed that a Labour government would ask the Nolan committee to examine the idea of statefunding of political parties, and would be willing to legislate if Nolan backed the idea. ☐ A group of Scottish Labour MPs yesterday called for the policy for a referendum asking if there should be a Scottish parliament and whether it should have tax-varying powers to be dropped in favour of one question on the issue.

The campaign, launched in Edinburgh by Maria Fyfe, MP for Maryhill, and William McKelvey, MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun, has the support of five other MPs, seven of Scotland's 72 constituency Labour parties, and the Scottish TUC. Mr McKelvey said a Scottish parliament that There is a mystery wrapped around the finances of the have less power than the Tory party. Three years ago, smallest local authority.



A shop assistant wheels in fresh supplies of Newcastle shirts before the match

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Shearer's fans call the toon in Lincoln

By RUSSELL JENKINS

THREE thousand lucky members of the Toon Army. Newcastle United's band of travelling supporters, will pack into lowly Lincoln City's ground tonight to watch the world's most expensive footballer make his debut for their team against the Third Division side in a pre-season friendly.

The presence of Alan Shear-er, who cost £15 million, has transformed the fixture from a run-out for United's reserve team hopefuls into a sell-out for which tickets are changing hands at many times face

The city is bracing itself for without tickets for the match at the 10,800-capacity ground. About 15,000 fans turned up at St James's Park earlier this week for the first glimpse of Shearer in his No 9 black and white shirt. Many will be on a round trip south that will take in the Charity Shield match against Manchester United at

Wembley on Sunday.
The Lincoln goalkeeper. Barry Richardson, is reflecting wryly on football's mixed fortunes. He used to play alongside Shearer for Cramlington Boys under-15s. While Shearer earns £2 million a year, Richardson struggles to afford his goalkeeping gloves.

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH Guards attacked in security van raid

Two Securicor guards have been doused in petrol and threatened at gunpoint in a hold-up. An undisclosed but substantial amount of money was stolen. The guards had stopped their van on a single-track road near Dalry. Ayrshire, to help a woman motorist who had crashed into them. As one left the van he was confronted by four masked gunmen. They threw petrol into his face and threatened his colleague before escaping in another car. The woman went with them. Securior has offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to the gang's arrest.

Licensed to be different

Mark Cooper. 22, of Bierton. Buckinghamshire, has been given an absolute discharge by Aylesbury magistrates for sporting italic licence plates on his car. There is currently no law against unusual designs for registration numbers as long as they are the correct heights, widths and distances apart. A standard fount for the letters and numbers is to be introduced later this year.

Baton death verdict

A jury returned a verdict of misadventure on Brian Douglas, 33, the boxing promoter who died in police custody after being struck by an American-style baton. Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark Coroner, recommended that all police officers should be taught the dangers of a baton blow to the head. Mr Douglas's brother Donald said the family would consider seeking a judicial review.

Mixed-sex jail studied

Plans to hold women prisoners in the grounds of a men's jail are being studied by the Prison Service as a way of coping with the record number of female offenders being imprisoned. Up to 200 women could be housed at the High Point low-security prison near Newmarket. Suffolk. The number of women in jail has risen by 68 per cent in the past four years to a record 2,355.

Pig death charges

Five men have been charged with the murder of Ronald Smith, 49, who died after a gang allegedly threatened his pot-bellied pigs. Dean Fox, 23, Wayne Graham, 20, Adam Power, 20, and Simon Caveney, 21, all of Frankley, and Anthony Wilson, 21, of Northfield, appeared before Birmingham Magistrates Court yesterday and were remanded in custody until next Thursday.

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Footballer's road ban

Ally McCoist, the Glasgow Rangers and Scotland striker, was banned for 15 months and fined £2,500 at Glasgow Sheriff Court after admitting driving with more than twice the legal limit of alcohol. McCoist, 33, who has an MBE for services to football, was stopped early on Sunday after celebrating scoring the first goal in Rangers' 3-0 victory over Arsenal on Saturday.

Cyclists get there sooner

Cyclists are beating car drivers to work, at least in London, where door-to-door commuting times are half as long again by car than by bicycle, the Department of Transport says. The average journey to work was 28 minutes by car compared with 19 minutes by bicycle. The number of people who cycled to work rose last year by 5 per cent from 781,000 to 823,000, according to the figures. Leading article, page 17

Prehistoric squid found

Perfectly preserved fossils of 165 million-year-old squid have been found in a 30ft gravel pit at Ashton Keynes, near Circucester, Gloucestershire. Scientists examining the find hope that they might be able to extract DNA from some of the fossils. Even the soft tissues have been preserved, their ink sacs still three-dimensional, with the ink mineralised as

Suicide lesson victory

A Catholic teacher sacked for explaining suicide to her class has won her claim of unfair dismissal. Governors at St Peter's Junior School in Churchdown, Gloucester. sacked Jean Gibbens, 44, for gross misconduct after parents complained. An industrial tribunal in Bristol ruled yesterday that she had acted reasonably in answering pupils' questions. Compensation will be decided later.

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Nationalists say march will go on

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland correspondent

SECTARIAN tension mounted in Londonderry last night after republicans confirmed that they would demonstrate in the Roman Catholic Bogside area during a loyalist parade tomorrow afternoon.

In defiance of the city's Roman Catholic bishop, the Most Rev Seamus Hegarty. who had urged nationalists not to march, the Bogside Residents Group called on supporters to congregate at the Free Derry Corner.

Donncha Mac Niallais, the group's spokesman, said that nationalists would also hold a rally tonight in the city centre about 100 yards from the Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall, where hundreds of loyalists will gather for an annual

Armed police and soldiers will mount a big security operation outside the hall, where the Apprentice Boys will hear angry speeches about the Government's decision to ban them from marching along a section of the city walls overlooking Bogside.

Leaders of the Apprentice Boys yesterday told Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ire-land Secretary, that he had acted unreasonably. During a tense meeting at Stormont, the loyalists said that they had

agreement with nationalists. Gregory Campbell, a Democratic Unionist councillor in Londonderry and an Apprentice Boy, claimed that Sir Patrick had conceded that the ban was unjust. "He tried to

gone to great lengths to reach

justify it by saying that it was taken on purely pragmatic grounds. In other words, there was a great threat of public disorder and he had to act." Mr Campbell accused Sinn Fein of trying to provoke trouble in Londonderry. A

senior RUC source said that Sinn Fein and the IRA were exerting "significant influence" over the residents' group. "There is little doubt that there is paramilitary influence over the residents' group. They are trying to milk the situation for all it is worth because they are still in the position where they have the high ground after Drumcree." Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the RUC, said

yesterday that further IRA attacks on Britain were a "distinct possibility". He added that intelligence reports indicated that the IRA had no plans to resume its campaign in Northern Ireland in the immediate future.

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Vicar turns to drink to save churches

BY RUTH GLEONILL. RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A COUNTRY rector is the toast of his parishes after turning to drink to keep three churches alive. The Rev Godfrey Broster, rector of Plumpton, East Chiltington and Novington in East Sussex, started his own brewery after deciding that something stronger than coffee mornings was

Rectory Ales was founded four months ago and has been backed by local shareholders. It is doing so well that he expects to have enough cash by the end of the year to fund £18,000 work on the churches including raw materials and overheads — with £2,000

needed to boost funds.

Broster cited historical precedence for his venture: "I have three churches, and I need to maintain the bricks and

"There has been a long association of churches brewing beer. St Andrew's in Lewes brewed a beer to mark the accession of Mary I. I brew at a local farm. I pop in on my rounds to see how it's doing. I brew on my day off and cast later that week."

He is brewing five 36-gallon barrels a month. His special brews, Rector's Pleasure, a bitter, Rector's Revenge, a strong beer at 5.4 per cent proof, and Parson's Porter, a dark beer, sell to local individuals and public houses.



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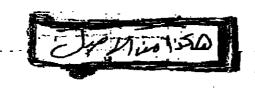
At the recent Lewes beer festival, Mr Broster's brews proved so popular that Rectory Ales has now been approached by pubs outside the

Plumpton agricultural coll-

ege is now planning to grow a field of barley for his brewery next year. Howard Wood, a former church warden, said: Brewing beer was one of Mr Broster's hobbies. He brewed for people within the village locally. People said he should do it on a larger scale and he decided it would be a good idea. All the people I have spoken to think it's a wonderful thing. I would have liked to buy shares but they sold too

David Pitman, landlord of the Watermill public house in Burgess Hill, said: "It sells well and it is popular. It is a traditional ale and a damn good product.

"It is the nearest thing to





Briton tells of battle for survival in torrent





Barry and Andrée Copestake in hospital in Huesca yesterday, after flash floods hit the campsite where they were staying. He said: "We've lost everything ... but we're alive"

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

BARRY COPESTAKE, 49, a teacher at Whitgift Comprehensive School in Grimsby, told yesterday from his hospital bed how he and his wife, Andrée. 47, had a miraculous escape at the Virgen de las Nieves campsite, near Biescas, in the Spanish Pyrenees.

They were the only Britons who needed hospital treatment after the disaster. On Wednesday evening, they were among those caught by the wave of water, mud, trees, smashed through the site where many people were

holidaying. The flash flood had engulfed their car as they tried to escape. The waters rolled it over and carried it with them trapped inside, in the pitch dark, hundreds of yards bea caravan.

Mr Copestake managed to get out but Mrs Copestake, a "We had planned to spend

teachers' assistant at Allerton School, Immingham, was trapped. He battled against the raging waters and tried desperately to free her without success. But by a stroke of luck her head was in an air pocket. Only the subsidence of the

water level before help arrived saved her life. Yesterday, they were recovering together in neighbouring beds at San Jorge hospital in Huesca, the provincial capital.

Mr Copestake said: "I have nothing. We've lost everything. I have a pair of shoes and my wife has a watch. But

His voice often breaking with emotion, he described their ordeal. "We came into Spain on a ferry at Bilbao about ten days ago and had been in Biescas for four or five days - in reality we weren't booked to arrive until tomorrow but we decided to come bad on the coast."

He let out a wry chuckle.

Air pocket saves wife after car is swept away in the dark

Biescas campsite. We had been there before. It's a great campsite, a beautiful place. It's surrounded by mountains. There are campsites higher in the Pyrenees. It's a very nice location, had good facilities and was very well run.

"We didn't realise there were going to be any problems at all until it was virtually too late to make an escape. People did leave, but whether they left because they knew what was coming or because they felt round here. I don't know.

"We just decided to sit it out. The thunder was rumbling



came a real deluge at about 7.30 in the evening. It was raining for about two hours

and it began to hail with quite and really got bad towards the ing. I looked out of the tent and I could see water cascading down the side of the campsite

just outside and I thought it must have been going down some kind of channel. We decided to get in the car

and go. But it was too late. We got about ten yards and it just ripped through the campsite. At that point it was bouncing over the bonnet of the car. It turned over and everything went black, we couldn't see. We were travelling upside down in the water for, it must have been, several hundred yards and we came to a rest unside down against a cara-

His voice quavered. "Initially getting the rescue services in

the water was coming over the car but it kind of formed an air pocket just where my wife's head was. She was very lucky. l was fighting to get her out. But there was nothing I could do until people came and even-tually the Civil Guard arrived and, I think by luck really, a JCB came along and the driver was able to scrape away

were able to get Andrée out.
"It seemed to take a long time to get her out, maybe an hour. The water went down fairly quickly but it was still thundering and she was stuck." Mr Copestake was worried that more water would come down.

stones from around the car

and then it was lifted and we

He described the scene at the camp as one of complete horror as rescuers arrived, "It was absolute chaos, there were stones, trees, caravans and cars piled up, people "I got out. My wife was trapped for quite a long time." standing in shock. It was terrible. They had difficulty

because the roads were cut Andrée has a broken foot and she's in the hospital beside me. We're both together. I don't I'm not too bad. I came out of it quite lightly — a few bruises and the odd cut. They ve been excellent in looking after us.

The [British] consulate have been on to me and they're making a few telephone calls and they said, 'Stay here and we'll see what tomorrow brings'. There were two other British families I saw at the campsite but I heard from the consulate that they are OK." Mr Copestake said he had no idea what had really happened, and asked for details. He was stunned to hear of the soaring death toll.

"I know exactly how those people went," he said quietly, reliving his experience. "It's frightening. We lelt so helpless. We're very lucky people." The body of one v

miles from the campsite. An-

Award-winning site in mountains kept to strict standards

By EDWARD OWEN AND LIN JENKINS

ALL regulations concerning campsites in Spain are controlled by the country's 17 autonomous regions, the Government's tourist department in Madrid said yesterday.

A spokesman said that Camping Las Nieves was therefore the responsibility of the Aragon regional government in north-central Spain. Miguel Orduña, the spokesman for the Aragon regional administration, said all licensing and restrictions concerning campsites were enshrined in a 1990 law. He did not feel it was necessary to check the rules against the site at Las Nieves at the confluence of two streams and a river, just over a mile from Bjescas, in the Spanish Pyrenees.

Las Nieves "complied fully with the law and last year the Spanish Camping Association awarded the site a prize for its management and organisation, Señor Orduña said.

"It had all the necessary requisites," said Señor Orduna. He categorically denied reports that the campsite was located beneath a lake or reservoir. There is a creek that runs alongside it," he said. There is no lake. What happened is that the massive storm brought down a load of debris, stones, branches and broken tree trunks, which lodged against a bridge on the road above the campsite. It created a sort of dam. The water built up and finally the bridge gave way and the campsite was inundated."

He said the wave first swept down from the broken bridge to the site car park about 40 yards away and then carried vehicles right through the camping area and down into the River Gallego below. He said the river is narrow, and such was the force of water that ran through its gorge that hodies were yesterday being found more than ten miles

downstream. Señor Orduña said that the search for victims was concentrating on a layer of mud, more than oft deep in places. as well as inside wrecked

vehicles and caravans buried in the morass.

Since 1962, more than 600 people have died in floods in Spain, but this is the first major flood disaster involving a campsite. Most fatalities were in the Barcelona area in 1962 when 257 died, and in 1973 around Almeria in southeastern Spain where more than 200 people died.

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The previous worst campyears ago. On July II, 1978, an overloaded bulk gas road tanker crashed on the road outside Los Alfaques campsite, near Tarragona. The wall of flaming gas that rolled through the site killed 215 people. Two victims were never identified; 65 were seriously

has become a booming busi-ness, with more than half a million families crossing the Channel each year. Camping Las Nieves is typical of the splendid sites in remote and those who pick their own route at their own pace.

Camping on the Continent wild areas much favoured by

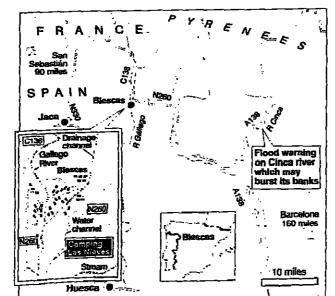
While European Commis-

sion directives lay down basic campsite standards, they concentrate on minimum requirements for facilities like water supply and sanitation rather than protection from natural disaster. The most popular sites are next to lakes, rivers, high in the mountains or nestled in the picturesque woodlands of southern Europe, where forest fire is a significant risk.

The Caravan Club, with 285,000 member families representing half the caravanowning population in the United Kingdom, books about 100,000 campers into sites that it has inspected in continental Europe. Camping Las Nieves was not among them.

Other members pick sites from the club's guide, which is compiled from reports sent in by members. Camping Les Nieves is described in the 1996 guide as "excellent" and

recommended". Brian Savage, the director of membership services, said: "EC directives ensure sites are up to a particular standard concerning children's play areas, fire precautions, exits and that sort of thing. They do look at the location as well, but a natural disaster you cannot predict or prevent."



Hot and humid weather to blame

By LEYLA LINTON

THE flash floods in the Pyrenees were triggered by a cold front moving south down

through France. Shortly before the catastrophe, the weather was warm and very humid. Meteorologists were able to forecast heavy rain, but it would have been impossible to predict a deluge in such a small area.

Weather observation points in towns surrounding the mountains did not record any unusual rainfall yesterday. "It is just chance, a combination of a lot of unfortunate circumstances," the Meteorological Office said. "The rain fell in steep-sided river valleys when these rivers reached their narrow point they burst their banks with catastrophic consequences.

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This is the right time of year for heavy cloudbursts because of the hot weather." The Met Office does not believe that flooding is on the increase. "Although the worldwide scientific community is certain that global warming exists, it is difficult to link it to specific weather events."

A spokeswoman at the World Metereological Office in Geneva said weather alone was not always to blame for flooding as bad land manage-ment could be an important factor. A spokesman for the Hadley Centre for Climate Bracknell, said: "I do not think this flooding is a result

of climatic change.
"The theory of global warming does suggest that there should be an increased rainfall with higher temperatures, but although it is a trend globally, it is very small and only just detectable."

Landslides are common in Spain. Most occur in mountainous areas and are a direct result of intense rainfall. The British Geological Survey estimates that landslides and associated hazards cost Spain El30 million a year.

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Errant MP was urged to get in touch as Labour sought to portray row as 'a summer hiccup'

Prescott cushioned impact of Short's 'dark forces' attack

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN PRESCOTT made a ly enhanced in recent months. nationwide appeal to Clare Short to get in touch as the storm over her New Statesman interview broke on Wed-

Appearing on Newsnight on BBC2 to launch what seemed by last night to have been a highly effective damage limitation exercise, the deputy leader said that neither he nor anyone else in the leadership had been able to contact Ms Short: "If you are watching, Clare, please call," he said.

Early yesterday morning Ms Short made contact. By then Mr Prescott, who took charge of the party on Satur-day when Mr Blair went to Tuscany, had put his plan into

Mr Prescott. Peter Mandelson — the party's chief election planner, a long-time confidant of Mr Blair and one of the unnamed dark forces identified by Ms Short — Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and David Hill, Labour's chief media spokesman, were the key figures. Other "figures from the dark" - Alastair Campbell. Mr Blair's press secretary, and Tim Allan, his deputy — were on holiday. Mr Prescott, whose stature as a

asked for a full copy of Ms Short's words.

Once he had seen them, he was in no doubt. The leadership should take an "in sorrow rather than anger" approach, playing it down as far as possible, acknowledging that Ms Short was upset by her demotion but at the same demotion, but at the same time getting across the mess-age that she had helped the

Tories by what she had done.

Mr Blair was at a restaurant and it was not until some time later that he was briefed on what had happened.

The provisional view formed by Mr Prescott, and backed by the others in consultation, was that there would be nothing to be gained by dismissing Ms Short from her role as overseas development spokesman. Sacking her would turn her into a martyr and would prolong a story that they wanted to bury. They had no power to remove her from the Shadow Cabinet. to which she is elected.

Mr Prescott, who consulted Mr Brown, Mr Mandelson and Mr Hill, put out a press statement and headed for the BBC studios, where he presented a calm. unruffled disparty manager has been great- play much out of keeping with

the Prescott of old. He said that he was sad about what had happened and wished that Ms Short had used the privacy of Shadow Cabinet and National Executive Committee meetings to put across

Relations recently between Ms Short and Mr Prescott, once good friends, have not been good: they had sharp differences over the party's rail privatisation policy and some MPs believe that Ms Short was referring to him when she spoke in her interview of being damaged by someone she had considered to be a friend.

Yesterday morning it was necessary to involve Mr Blair again. Mr Prescott gave an interview to BBC Radio 4's Today programme. But the news bulletins were running with stories suggesting that Mr Blair was having to face up to a decision on whether to sack Ms Short.

Mr Blair, after being contacted in Tuscany, decided that he had to kill the story. He instructed his office to issue a statement to the BBC suggesting that the story had been "blown up" out of proportion, that no action would be taken against Ms Short and that the



matter was closed. The key line - difficult to sustain on a strict reading of the Short interview — was that there were no policy differences. It was intended to allow Mr Blair, somehow, to maintain the impression if not the reality of collective responsibility. A breach should mean

instant resignation. Ms Short was contacted on Mr Blair's behalf and told of

the statement. Perplexed by the furore that her interview had set off, she agreed, apparently readily, to put out a similar statement saying that there were no policy

Meanwhile Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, reduced the whole affair to "a summer hiccup" at a press conference on Labour's plans to force parties to declare big

donations. There were no policy divisions: there would be no further action, no further comment. But was she not damaging Labour's chances of victory at the election? No, because Ms Short had made plain that, unlike the Tories.

ences between them. "We can put an end to this summer hiccup because there

there were no policy differ-

ment," he said. Ms Short then became unavailable again: Mr Blair resumed his holiday. suddenly besieged by the British and Italian press: Mr Prescott a job well done, went home to Hull.

The crisis had passed. But the Tories will not allow it to be forgotten.

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How focus groups influence the party

By ANDREW PIERCE

CLARE SHORT'S criticism of the influence of "focus groups" of floating voters on the pre-sentation of Labour policy will

leave Tony Blair undaunted.
When Neil Kinnock and
Peter Mandelson, his communications chief, set up the ad-hoc groups in the mid-1980s, they were intended to complement ideas produced by the party itself. But today they are one of the most important influences on the Labour leader.

The groups are run by Mr Mandelson. MP for Hartle-pool and head of Labour's election campaign, and Philip Gould, the advertising guru turned political consultant, which heightens the suspicions of Ms Short and others. They are the "dark figures" who bore the brunt of her criticism in yesterday's New Statesman. Few Shadow Cabinet members enjoy such ac-cess to Mr Blair as Mr Gould

A focus group involves up to ten voters, chosen by NOP. meeting for an informal discussion on a specific issue. Mr Gould, 45, is master of the art. Using his experience in marketing and advertising, he gleans what motivates the floating voter. But critics believe the group's moderators can produce answers

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Blair stays silent in land of feuds and renaissance

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TONY BLAIR steadfastly refused to comment yesterday on Clare Short's withering remarks. He left the Tuscan estate where he is on holiday to have lunch with a prominent left-wing politician in Florence, but said that comments on upheavals at home would be impolite to his hosts.

Mr Blair is staying in a medieval castle surrounded

by olive groves and vineyards at San Gimignano. It belongs to the millionaire Labour MP Geoffrey Robinson. The Blair family has the run of the estate while Mr Robinson is in South Africa.

The Labour leader insisted holiday, giving him and his wife and children the chance to explore the undulating Tuscan landscape and Renaissance treasures. He told his host in Florence, Vannino Chiti, president of the Tuscan region, that he would speak to Italian journalists but added:

"I do not want the British press intruding on my holiday - it would not be right to come to Italy and focus on British problems."

Mr Blair has taken the opportunity to embark on an intensive programme of political talks with local leaders of the Italian Left. According to them, he is seeking to draw lessons from the historic shift which brought the reformed Communists (now the Party of the Democratic Left) into power in April for the first time. He admires Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister and leader of the "olive tree" coalition of Centrists and former Communists, now experiencing their own internal tensions over public sector

wages and privatisation. In San Gimignano, the fortified medieval town referred to as Monteriano in E.M. Forster's Where Angels Fear to Tread, Franco Nencioni, the Mayor, took the Blair family to the top of the Torre Grossa, the tallest and best preserved of the 15 towers which survive from 13th eentury feuds. Yesterday Signor Chiti, a

rising figure on the reinvigo-rated Left, said that Mr Blair had paid him a courtesy visit. In the course of a two-hour lunch, they discussed the prospect of a Labour government in Britain and the future of the Left in Europe. Mr Blair ate spaghetti pesto and drank Tuscan wine. "I found him a very frank

young man, full of youth, energy and ideas." Signor Chiti said. "I have the impresquite an impact as a European leader, not just a British

Today the Blair family will move on to Siena, where their visit will again combine politics with culture, before returning to London at the

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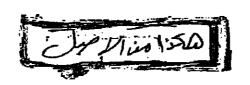
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Glamour faded for designer Who put style into the Sixties

FROM rags to riches to rags again. Ossie Clark's life story encompasses much of the glamour and the waste of the 1960s dream. His glory years as a designer were from 1965 to 1972, when the "beautiful people" including Veruschka, Elizabeth Taylor, Natalie Wood, Patti Boyd and Bianca and Mick Jagger, bought his designs from Quorum in the King's Road

He will be best remembered for his collaborations with his former wife, the textile designer Celia Birtwell. He took her chiffon prints and turned them into beautifully cut dresses. Together they symbolised a free-spirited era, and were immortalised by their friend David Hockney in his painting Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy.

Along with Hockney, Clark was one of a wave of talented working-class northerners tho arrived in London in the 1960s. Raymond Clark was born into a family of eight in Oswaldtwistle (hence the nickname), on the border of Lancashire and Yorkshire on



High and low: The young Clark with one of his famous clients, Patti Boyd and, right, after his court appearance this year for biting a policeman

June 9, 1942. After studying at Manchester Art School, and then at the Royal College of Art, he threw his lot in with Alice Pollock, who ran Quorum. Soon his leather motorbike jacket and maxi coat were being modelled by Jean Shrimpton for Vogue. Soon afterwards Yves Saint Laurent designed his own collection of leather bomber jackets. Ossie had met Celia in a

when she was studying at Salford Art College. They met again in London, began living together, and married in 1968, when she was pregnant with their elder son, Albert. They had another son, George, but the couple divorced in 1975.

Celia left to join Hockney in California. Later, Celia was to say. "He has always been trouble, but it's all bound up genius and trou-

ble." For a while Clark operated from a basement in Beauchamp Place, but in 1981 his business went into liquidation and he signed on the dole. Two years later he went bankrupt, blaming his plight on the break-up of his marriage and his inability to understand finance.
At one stage, he was re-

duced to sleeping on friends' solas. Two years ago, he appeared to be on a brink of a

breakthrough, as models such as Naomi Campbell and Susie Bick were seen in his original designs. It never happened.

Speaking at the interior design shop she owns in Ladbroke Grove, Miss Birtwell said that the pressures of fame had grown too much for him: "I have two wonderful sons from Ossie and we are in shock and grief. I want to remember Ossie for the great talent he was in the 1960s. We had great times together. He was a unique designer. It's a

pity it didn't go on. "The years from 1966 to 1974 were the marvellous times. unfortunately it didn't last, I think he got broken by it all."

Clark's decline hit a new low in January when he was jailed for two years for biting a policeman after driving into the back of an off-duty policewoman's car. His sentence for common assault and refusing to provide a breath test was reduced to one year on proba-tion, after his barrister said that Clark hoped to pick up the pieces of his career. Oscar del Fabro told the court that



Forever young: Hockney's painting of Clark and his ex-wife, at the Tate Gallery

Clark was a Buddhist who "abhored violence" and had given more than most people to society before losing his

One neighbour, Kenneth Snedden, 35, a London Underground supervisor, told last night how Clark often invited small groups of friends to his flat, which was filled with spartan furniture, joss sticks and a 3ft shrine made from coloured nackets of cocktail cigarettes. He described Clark as a camp,

friendly man who directed most of his affection at his

The flat was organised chaos. There were yellowing newspaper clippings on the wall of the 1960s and a sewing machine in one corner. It was artistically neglected." Mr Snedden said. "He could look like anything between Oliver Reed and Oscar Wilde. He would privately describe himself as a virgin queen."

Zandra Rhodes said: "I knew him very well when he

was just leaving college. I went to Rome with him and Celia. I think of him rather like Greta Garbo - he retired from everything at the height of it all. His contribution will

always be of importance." The designer and television presenter Jeff Banks said: "If I'd heard he died from drinking too many bottles of an excellent claret or drowned in champagne then I'd have said that was like Ossie.

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Rothschild was 'depressed over mother's death'

AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD, the heir to the banking dynasty, committed suicide after becoming depressed by the death of his mother, an in-

nuest was told yesterday.

Mr Rothschild, 41, a father of three, was found hanged by his bathrobe cord in the bathroom of his room in the Hótel Bristol, Paris.

Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, said yesterday as he recorded a verdict of suicide: "I am forced to conclude that he killed himself. There are no bizarre features which are sometimes ing." Although he had appeared on July 8 to be "seemingly all right", he was obviously depressed, he

Anita Rothschild, 39, told the hearing in a written statement that her husband suffered depressive tendencies and had been extremely upset by the death of his mother. Teresa, six weeks previously. We do not know the reason for this but certain family antecedents predisposed him to this act. The loss of his mother had affected him but he was not undergoing any

'Mr Rothschild's grandfather. Charles, cut his throat in 1923 after being infected with a strain of an influenza epidem-ic which produced encephali-tis — inflammation of the brain. Mrs Rothschild, mother of their children, Kate, 13. Alice, 12 and James, 11, did not

attend the inquest. Mr Rothschild, of Kensington, west London, who also had an estate in Suffolk, had been in Paris to chair a meeting of Rothschild Asset Management. Colleagues at the meeting, which lasted all day, reported that all had gone

However, Naima Debbouza, 23, a chambermaid. said that when she delivered his laundry to his room he was "annoyed, even disturbed". Mrs Debbouza said in her statement: "He received me addly. I knocked on the door. he took the box containing the washing out of my hands very aggressively and banged his door like someone annoyed, even disturbed."

When she returned 90 minutes later to turn down the bed, she found Mr Rothschild dead. The telephone was ringing and she ran downstairs to summon help. Peter Troughton, his depu-

ty, and two business colleagues were waiting in the bar downstairs and became worried when he did not appear. Later the hotel manager told them he was dead.

Mr Troughton told the inquest that it was unlike Mr Rothschild to be late and he tried phoning the room. He had not noticed anything unusual about Mr Rothschild's manner or mood on the day of his death and the banker had not seemed to have taken his mother's death badly. But Mr Troughton conceded that "he was reticent".

Iain West, a Home Office pathologist, said he found nothing to indicate a third party was involved, nor any

traces of alcohol or drugs.

Mr Rothschild was the sixth
generation of the English
banking family, had a fortune with an estimated value of £30 million, and was tipped as the likely successor to Sir Evelyn de Rothschild as chairman of Rothschild Bank.



the head of a 13-year-old girl and threatened to kill her during a bank robbery, police

Sara Cutler had gone to Lloyds Bank in Coventry Road, Birmingham, with her friend Thomas Piercy, II, to pay in £30 rent for his mother. One of two raiders wearing balablavas grabbed Sara by the neck pushed her face against the counter and pressed a pistol barrel against ner head. He told a cashier. 'Hand over the money or I'll blow her head off."

The other raider, who had a shotgum, held up the manager of the bank, before snatching £6,000 from a male cashier. A customer at the bank was also obbed of his wallet and cash

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Virginia Bottomley, the Nat-

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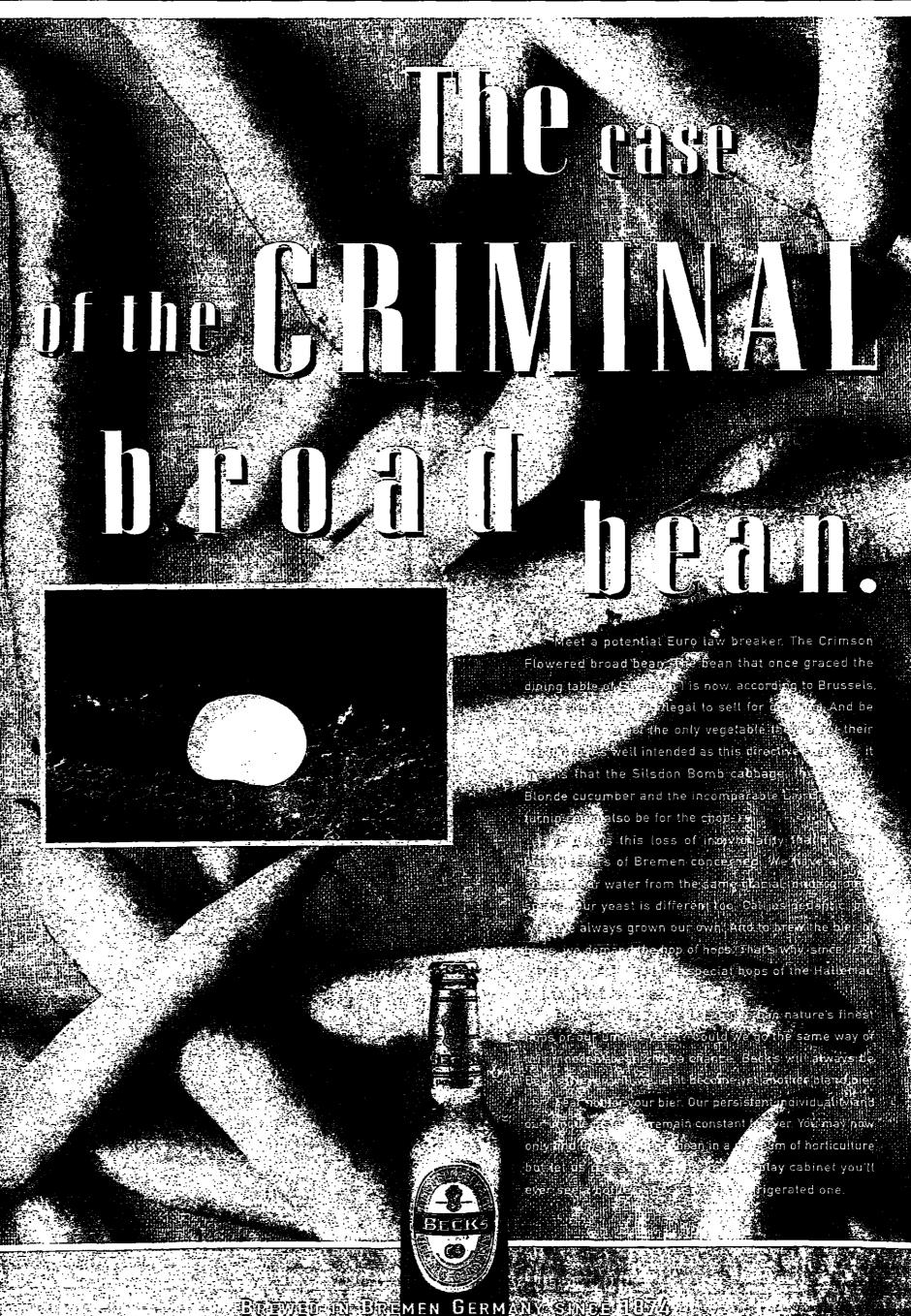
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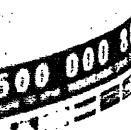
that was being paid in. The two raiders, both black, made their escape in a stolen silver Vauxhall Cavalier, which was later found in a street near by. Anne Whicker, Sara's moth-

er, said: "If the bank staff hadn't done as they were told, my daughter and Thomas could be dead now. I'm hoping that this hasn't scarred them for life." West Midlands Police said it

had been an extremely frightening incident for the children. "But they coped remarkably well." Detective Sergeant Sieve Trenbirth said that a red dye was likely to have spilt over the stolen cash.

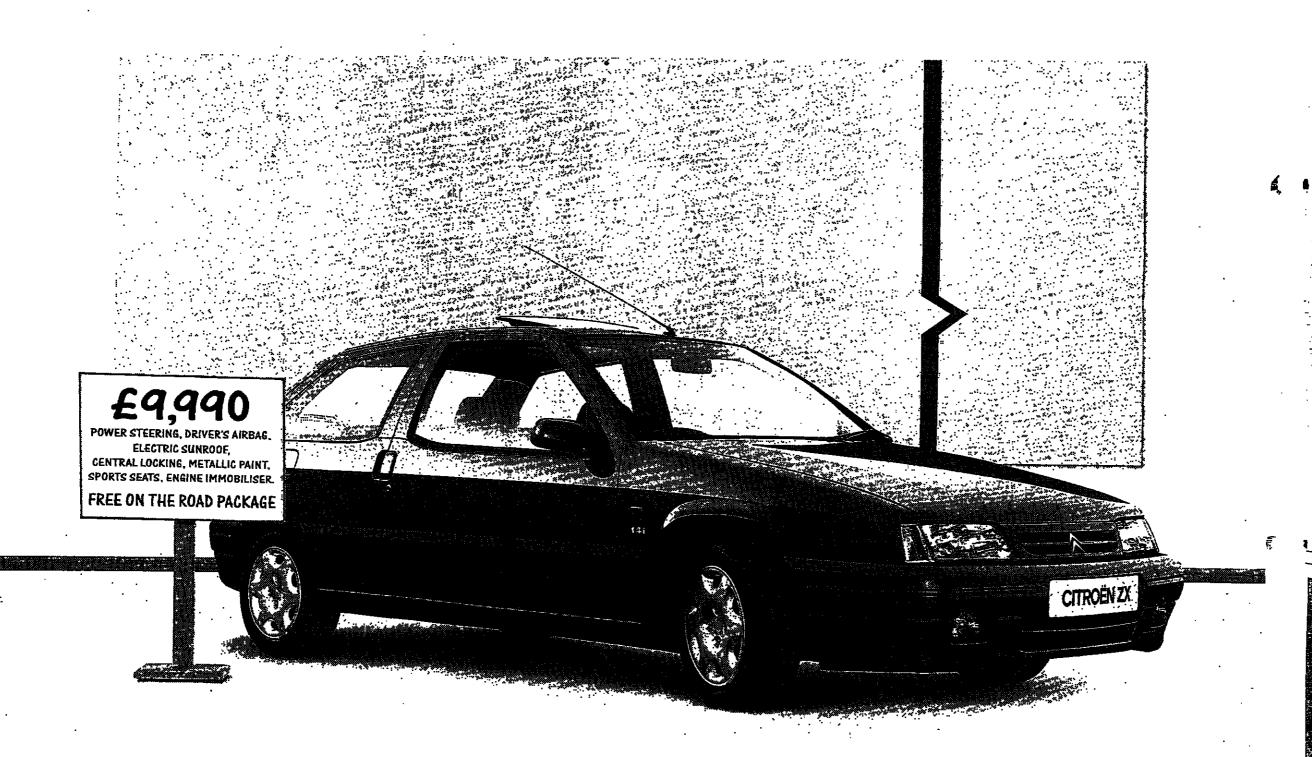
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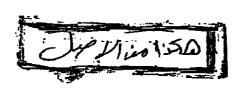
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Palace yields to invasion by tourist hordes

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen had been on holiday barely a day when her London home was again thrown open to pubic gaze. Queues began to form soon after 6am yesterday for the first day of this year's annual opening of Buckingham Palace.

Since the Palace took the bold experimental step in 1993 of allowing the common herd admission to John Nash's magnificent Regency staterooms, there have been capacity crowds, although the number of tickets sold each day are strictly limited. By the time it closes again on 30 September, 400,000 visitors will have been accommodated.

With the success of the souvenir shop, officials of the Royal Collection Trust hope to match last year's net takings of £3 million. even though the Palace was then open for two days longer.

The Queen had to open the Palace to help to pay for restoration at Windsor Castle after the 1992 fire. when the public made plain that repairs should not be funded wholly by the taxpaper. By the end of last year, the Palace opening had contributed £8 million towards the estimated £40 million cost

of restoring the castle.
It had been intended that the Palace only be open for five seasons, closing for good when the Windsor restoration work was completed in spring 1998. But such has been its popularity, that it will now open each summer at least until 2000. Officials will then decide whether the building can stand more tramping of 7,000 pairs of feet a day through its carpeted corridors; if the fabric can stand the strain, opening will be extended.

The tour route and the rooms remain the same, but many of the 29 paintings which last year were on loan to exhibitions hav returned. Visitors will again be able to see Rembrandt's The Shipbuilder and his Wife, and Vermeer's Lady At The

Virginals. Visitors can again buy their tickets from the Green Park box office up to five days in advance. ☐ Open daily Aug 8 until Sept 30, from 9.30am; last admission 4.30pm. Adults ER 50. over-60s £6. under-17s E4.50. Ticket office open from 9am daily.

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Attack survivor can run and skip but smile conceals her mental scars

Doctors astounded by recovery of girl left for dead

KENT police released a video will undergo another operaand photographs yesterday showing the remarkable retion next week to repair her covery of Josephine Russell, Her injuries have seriously the nine-year-old girl who suffered severe head injuries

at the hands of an attacker

who battered her mother and

She was barely alive when

found, having been beaten

with a hammer, but in the

month since the murders she

has astounded the specialists

treating her. She can now run

around and use a skipping

rope, but a straw hat hides the

scars on her shaved head and

Lin and Megan Russell: killed by hammer blows

sister to death.

restricted her ability to speak and she has three sessions a week with a speech therapist at a London hospital, which is not being named for security reasons. As the only witness to the murders she is under 24hour police guard. She can utter only the simplest words, which doctors say resemble the speech of a two-year-old, and has been unable to tell police anything. However, she appears to understand adult

and other paper games as well as drawing, and she has a very good appetite." Mark Pugash, a Kent police spokesman, said: "You would not notice the problems that she has from the pictures. It is a very happy expression she shows, but it does hide that she still has a long way to go. She is not really speaking and we don't know how long it will take before she is able to, but

conversation and detectives

are hoping that she will recov-

clues about the attacker.

enough to give them vital

WPC Pauline Smith, one of

two police officers who has

been with Josephine and her

father. Shaun, since the at-tack, said: "She is so physical-

ly well. That is both wonderful

and amozing. We can't believe

that only four weeks ago she

was left for dead. She has been

playing noughts and crosses

doctors are optimistic. "With a head injury it is difficult to specify what the permanent effects on her will be at such an early stage. It could be that her intellect is affected but we do not really

'She looks like any other child of her age enjoying summer, but the picture hides the mental scars and the speech problems that she has to overcome.

Detective Inspectpr Ray Cozens added: "We are hopeful that she will be able to tell us everything that took place that afternoon. It will take time and we are prepared to wait." Police are hoping that the pictures will encourage anyone shielding the attacker to come forward.

Dr Russell, a university lecturer who spends every day at his daughter's hospital bedside, talked yesterday of "the blankness of the future", but



A month after the attack, Josephine has recovered enough to walk in the park

by dozens of letters from the public. He said: "Very soon after reading those letters I realise how strong I have to be for her. I only have to look into her eyes every time she wakes up in the morning for that to

be reinforced." In an interview two weeks ago he disclosed that a hospi-

tal psychologist had told his daughter that her mother and sister were dead and that she responded by turning violently away and by outbursts of

Her mother. Lin. 45, and her sister Megan, six, were School to their home in Nonington, Kent. Police want to trace a man seen soon after attack throwing over a hedge a bag that contained the girls' swimming costumes. He was between 35 and 40, about 5ft 5in and slim with short, light

from Goodnestone Primary

theft case schoolboy A public schoolboy who faced a jail sentence in Singapore after allegedly stealing a handbag in a nightclub prank is free to return home. the Foreign Office said.

The theft charge against David Raven, 18, of Arnold School, Blackpool, was for-mally dropped when he ap-peared before a court yesterday, It was not known whether the money said to have been stolen had been repaid to secure his release. He spent four nights in jail after being arrested.

Cannabis crop

More than 400 cannabis plants and magic mushrooms were found at the home of Roger Spurrell, 41, a former rugby player with finded him £250 and sentenced him to 160 hours' community service.

Coca Cola fined

Coca Cola Schweppes was fined £10,000 after a worker was trapped by a machine at its plant in Edmonton, north London. Enfield magistrates were told that the man suffered crushed vertebrae. The company admitted breaching health and safety regulations

Coaches collide

Four people were seriously hurt when two coaches collided in Frome, Somerset. A 17year-old girl suffered head injuries and 16 others were treated for minor cuts. The coaches had been provided after a train from Weymouth to Bristol was cancelled.

Glazed over

More than 100,000 people have registered with the Telephone Preference Service to halt cold-calling from salesmen. The service was set up a year ago to prevent unwanted calls. Some 125 companies and organisations have also

Expensive trim

A gardener who quoted "eleven fifty" for trimming four trees for a pensioner, then charged £1.150, was jailed for two months by Blaenau Ffestiniog magistrates. John Gilmore, 36, of Abergele, admitted the deception of Raymond Gibb, 75, of Tywyn.

Burchill divorce

The H-year marriage of the journalists Julie Burchill. 36. and Cosmo Landesman, 40, has ended after a judge ruled that she had behaved in such a way that Mr Landesman could no longer be expected to remain married to her. STUTTAFORD | The order was not contested.

Few words speak volumes about Josephine's prospects

IT IS hard to believe when looking at photographs of Josephine Russell that she nearly died a month ago. It has been emphasised, however, that despite her appearance she has a long way to go to achieve a full recovery. Loss of the ability to speak, known as aphasia, could be the result of a physical injury to the brain or could be psychogenic the consequence of the mental trauma to which a patient has been subjected, rather than physical trauma. When aphasia is caused by

mental stress it is a defence mechanism. a subconscious device which spares the nationt the need to talk about an unpleasant and distressing

When the loss of speech results from a physical cause, the damage has been to a small part of the brain, Broca's area. This is a section on the inferior, posterior frontal area of the cerebral hemisphere, just above the fissure of sylvius, one of the most prominent fissures dividing the brain surface. Broca's area



can be damaged by physical trauma, such as a blow to the head, or by a stroke or tumour. It is not uncommon for the damage to be so localised that, although it is severe enough to cause the patient to lose speech, he or she retains all other functions. The patient has full control of all their voluntary muscles as well as the ability to display instinctive ones, such as facial expressions: although speech may have gone, their intelli-

gence can be normal. When loss of speech is the result of a damaged Broca's ability to make noises or say a few words, although indistinct. Josephine Russell is still able to use the occasional phrase and is having speech therapy. When aphasia is brought about by psychological stress and is a defence mechanism, the defence is usually complete; the patient issues no noises whatsoever. An MRI scan will usually

detect even small amounts of damage to Broca's area. Josephine's speech therapist will teach her how to develop

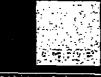
area, a patient usually has the and extend the speech she has. If the cause is physical, the improvement will continue for months as any injury to Broca's area heals. After a serious head injury. retrograde amnesia is usual

and it may well be that, even after her speech is again intelligible, she will not be able to identify the murderer as she may have lost all recollection of the event.

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Farmer who shot burglar says 'I'd do same again'

A FARMER cleared of caus- tion." The farmer, who had ing grievous bodily harm to a burglar he wounded with a shotgun said that householders should be able to protect their homes from thieves who came in the night like "packs

"Why don't we have laws like in the United States, where you can go out with a gun, go bang bang, and then go back to bed?" Kenneth Hall, 63, said after the case.

Mr Hall shot Neil Hartley once after discovering him stealing from his car at his farm in Thurstonland, west Yorkshire. The jury at Bradford Crown Court took three hours 40 minutes to find him not guilty yesterday.

As he left court Mr Hall, who put up a sign at his home saying "Never mind the dog. heware of the owner", said that he would take the same course of action again if faced with an intruder.

Hartley, 32, said after the case: "There has been a miscarriage of justice. People ought to be very careful if they think they have the right to shoot someone in this sinuahad a number of break-ins. told the jury he had not intended to shoot Hartley, who had a long history of convictions and had committed more than 85 house burglaries.

Mr Hall said that he was "frightened to death" when he discovered the intruder at 2am in June last year, and had meant to shoot over Hartley's head after he was allegedly threatened with a knife. Hartley, of Honley, near

Huddersfield, told the court that he was running away when shot. He was wounded in the face, neck and shoulder and spent four days in hospital. some of that time in intensive care.

At a hearing last December he admitted stealing £27 from a purse on the dashboard of Mr Hall's car and was sentenced to community service. He was also ordered to pay £27 compensation.

Mr Hall, whose wife Audrey. 54, was in court, thanked the jury when the verdict was returned. Speaking afterwards, he said that his life had been blighted by the incident.



Hartley: treated in intensive care

"On Christmas Day I was feeding some cattle in a field at 5am, seven miles from home, and I remember thinking. I wonder what Hartley's doing now," Mr Hall said.

'I'm more angry with the system than I am with him. I can understand these young lads in some respects; they're bred on idleness and that's

you shouldn't have these people coming in the night. They come like packs of rats. You should be able to protect your own home. I would do the same again in the same

circumstances. He said that he should not have been charged. "We need to get the upper hand when it comes to these people. It's a vicious world out there and you take these guns out because you're frightened."

Hartley said yesterday: "I have learnt my lesson. I would be a fool to start my criminal activity again.

Karen Earnshaw, a friend of Hartley, said: This has had profound effect on his life. He has kept out of trouble. In doing so he has made himself a prisoner in his own home. Local people have not shown much sympathy for a man who was shot after stealing from a car, but he was very badly hurt and it has all had an effect on him. "He knows he is a thief and

he is the first to admit that but he does not want people to think he is some kind of monster who goes around threatening others.



Kenneth Hall yesterday after being cleared of causing grievous bodily harm

Hunt for corrupt official's fortune

By STEWART TENDLER

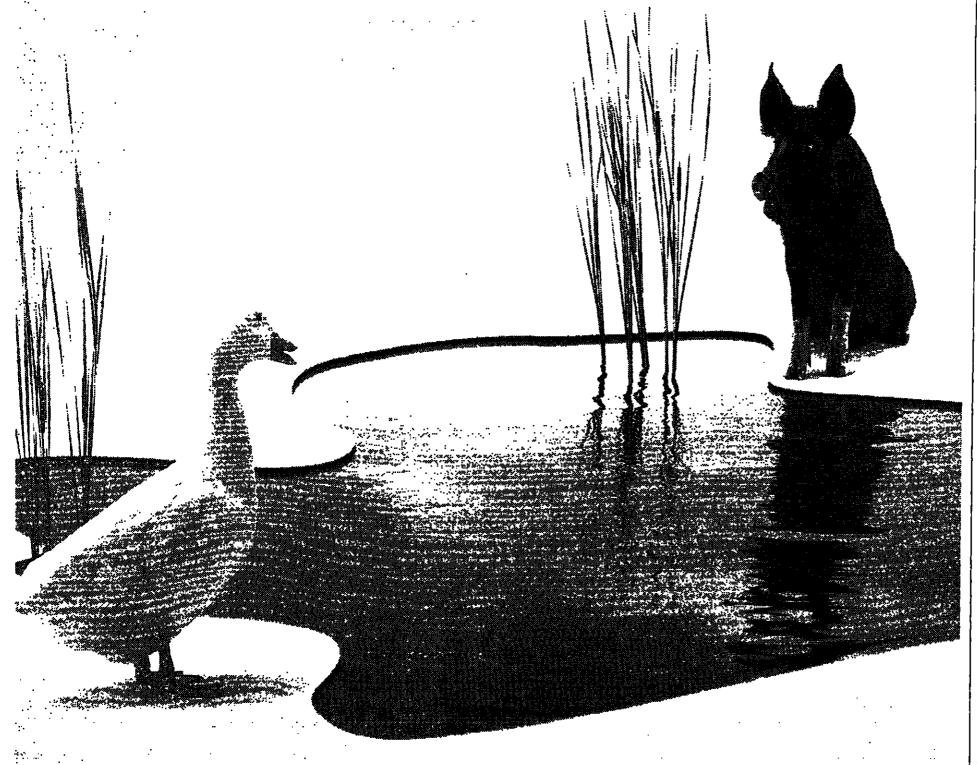
A SEARCH was launched yesterday for £1.5 million of assets acquired by a corrupt civil servant. Gordon Foxley. 71, was freed two months ago after serving half of a fouryear sentence for taking bribes & from contractors while at the Ministry of Defence.

After his trial, a judge ordered the confiscation of assets worth EL5 million and said Foxley would face an extra three years in prison if the cash was not handed over. Foxley, who appealed against his conviction, has not paid.

Yesterday a team of receivers was appointed at the High Court, after an application by the Crown Prosecution Service. Foxley's family will be able to dispute seizures at a second hearing in October. If the cash is not found. Foxley could be returned to prison.

The former director of munitions procurement committed the largest single detected fraud in the history of White- 6 hall. He left prison to return to a £750,000 Oxfordshire home

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It's good to talk

Taking a year off could cost students £2,500

By David Charter, education correspondent

STUDENTS waiting for their A-level results next week were advised yesterday to reconsider plans to take a year off if they want to avoid paying up to £2,500 extra in tuition fees.

Vice-chancellors of a dozen leading universities have admitted that they are considering charging "top-up" fees for tuition in 1997. Students who receive disappointing Alevel results next Thursday should take up the best place they can rather than retake, Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Universities and Col-Admissions Service,

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has threatened a £300 university entry levy across the board in 1997 if funding cuts are not restored in November's Budget. A spokesman said vesterday the threat was greatest from about a dozen leading universities that were opular enough to risk putting some students off with the

The London School of Economics has already decided in principle to charge fees, whatever the Budget contains. It would need £850 a year per student to recover money lost through successive funding cuts. Birmingham University has discussed plans for a £700 annual fee. Any student who started a course this October would be exempt from any

Mr Higgins said that Ucas had always advised applicants

to use their grades to get an immediate place, but there was an added incentive this year. "If you try to resit next year you could be asked for even higher grades. And there may be the further problem of top-up fees. We are not saying that students should abandon the idea of taking a year out. but it is something they should bear in mind."

Mr Higgins said that there were roughly 420,000 applicants this year for 290,000 university places, about the same as last year, when 41,000, or 14 per cent, were placed in clearing.

He expected clearing to go smoothly, even if, as expected, A-level grades improved as a result of the introduction of modular exams. He said: "If the grades are better, more people will meet their offers and take up places, and there will be fewer college places available in the clearing system.'

Ucas also announced yester day that a growing number of students courses at their local university. Financial pressures were the most common reason why almost half of last year's undergraduates stayed close. to home.

Last year 46 per cent of undergradutes went to a local university compared with 42 per cent the year before, Ucas said. The growth in mature students meant many chose their local university because of family commitments.

Interest grows in fresh fruit

WEEKEND SHOPPING

By Ollie Stone-Lee

WITH carrots, onions, broad beans and peas all in season and berries, cherries, nectarines and peaches plentiful, parents have every opportunity during the school holidays to give children more fresh fruit and vegetables. Research has proved that the vitamins and minerals they contain help to improve children's concentration and enthusiasm to learn. Promotions include: Asda: fresh 2.268kg chickens £3.99 each, pork chops £4.28 per kg, beef topside/silverside with added fat £5.57 per kg, courgettes 32p per lb, broccoli 39p per lb.

Budgens: Dutch unsmoked back bacon 400g for £1.99, large peaches 15p each, soft chocolate ice-cream 21 for £1.29. Cadbury's chocolate trifle 105g for 39p.

Co-op: Cherry Valley fresh chicken tikka 320g for £2.49 chicken basted with garlic and parsley 1.45kg for £3.49, smoked rindless streaky bacon 227g for £1.09.

Dewhurst: El off any purchase of El0 or more. English pork chops £1.89 a lb.

Marks & Spencer: smoked salmon 125g for £2.00 English blackberries 340g for £1.40

Harrods: suprema morta-della El.30 per 100g, bruccoli and shrimp salad El.35 per

crisp heart lettuce 240kg for 89p, twin-pack chocolate chip cheesecake £1.49.

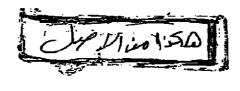
leeland: boneless chicken breasts 900g for £4.49, breaded scampi 400g for £1.90, broccoli mix 907g for £1 El.19, white chocolate gateau eight portions for £2.99. Morrisons: British pork chops £1.89 per lb, ham and mushroom tagliatelle 600g for £2.19, fresh whole trout £1.29 per lb. runner beans 79p per lb. medium pineapples 59p

Safeway: frying steak £6.49 per kg. salad onions 32p per bunch. Guyot pears 49p per lb. melons 79p each, Cathedral City mature cheddar

E2.79 per lb.
Sainsbury's: fresh beef fillet steak £13.88 per kg. Lincolnshire sausages eight for 99p. red peppers 99p per lb. Char-lone potatoes £1.33 per kg. coleslaw 500g for 85p. peaches

eight for 90p. Somerfield: fresh pork loin steaks £4.73 per kg. topside beef 99p per 4 lb, sweet sliced beetroot 340g for 29p, soft white baguettes three for 39p. raspberry paviova 344g for

Waitrose: boneless chicken breasts 530g for £3.49, spin-ach 250g for 69p, peaches eight for 99p, honey tangerines 49p per lb, luxury stem ginger ice cream 500ml for



Claudius took surrender of 11 kings and locked Britain into imperial yoke for almost 400 years

Legions' elephants swept all before them at Colchester

ANY guttering flame of resistance among the beleaguered British defenders of Colches ter was extinguished when the Roman legions unleashed their secret weapon - a herd of armour-clad elephants trained to trample all before

Their military significance was limited, but to a guerrilla army pushed back relentlessly from the Kent coast to the heart of Essex over a few days in AD 43, the trumpeting animals were an apocalyptic symbol of Rome's power. The will to fight on died.

The Emperor Claudius himself was to enter Camulodunum, as the seniement was known to accept the surrender of 11 "subdued kings ... and bring barbarian nations beyond the ocean under the Roman sway. At one victorious stroke, his standing with the legions was vastly enhanced, his critics at home were silenced and Britain was locked into the structure of empire for almost 400

Camulodunum was at the heart of Roman Britain for two centuries: the treasure house of items at the town's museum bears witness to the industry and sophistication of the invaders. However, there is evidence too of their contempt for the conquered Britons, their complacency and

north and south after the apparent collapse of local resistance, having failed to fortify their settlement adequately. A temple was built in honour of Claudius, land was snatched from those who formed it, punishingly high taxes were levied and many Britons were forced to wear the slave's collar.

But in AD 60-61, Boudicea, queen of the Iceni, tapped into local resentment and put Camulodunum to the sword. An estimated 30,000 people died. The temple built in honour of the deified Claudius was destroyed with many other buildings. Surviving burnt debris

from the sacking includes broken Samian pottery, other glassware, human bones, fused coins and blackened food. Colchester Museum's outstanding collection of artefacts gives many further indications of the rebels' fury.

Magnificent. perhaps unbettered, examples of military headstones commemorating those who conquered Camulodunum were knocked defaced

out to each other in death. A forensic scientist has built up the dead woman's face from a mould of her skull. Camilla, as she has been christened, has the serene look of a Roman matron confident that her way of life is safe forever.

However, at the moment of her death the empire was already fragmenting. Colchester was in terminal decline and raiders from the Low Countries and north Germany were poised to strike at the heart of Roman

with swords and axes.

naked, cowering Briton.

Colony of the Victorious,

rator of archaeology at Col-

chester Museum, describes

the town as "one of the most

important keys to our understanding of Roman Britain".

Among the most poignant

displays comes from the cem-

etery at St Butt's, a 4th-

century Christian church.

Behind glass, the skeletons of

a man and wife in their 40s

are arranged exactly as they

were found. The couple,

thought to have died around

AD 330, appear to be reaching

Tomorrow: London



The Roman baths, rescued by the Georgian developers whose squares and

crescents prevent the excavation of other sites. Photograph: Adrian Brooks

Invasion troops took over native spa for rest and recreation

THE city of Bath owes its name to its greatest glory, the complex of Roman baths and ancillary buildings around the sacred hot springs of Aquae Sulis. Today they form e most popular museum in Britain outside London, attracting nearly a million visitors a year.

They are virtually the only visible remnants of the Roman city. In the 18th century, Bath was reborn as a wonder of the Georgian age and, whatever may lie under those dozens of listed squares. terraces and crescents, excavation is out of the question.

Jane Bircher, the museum's keeper of collections, believes there was probably a commercial and residential settlement on the west bank of the Avon, in what is now the Walcot district. It seems certain there are also extensive remains below the Norman abbey, a short distance from the baths.

Ironically it was the building of Georgian Bath that provided the first exciting glimpse of its Roman predecessor. In 1727, two workmen digging a sewer beneath Stall Street unearthed a gilded bronze head of the goddess Minerva. That was followed in 1755 by the discovery of part of the eastern baths during building works. In 1790, as the Pump Room was being constructed, a large area of the temple was exposed.

But it was not until a century later, in Victorian times, that the city architect and surveyor Major Charles Davis, convinced that there was much more still hidden, ordered the excavations that uncovered the Great Bath and the Circular Bath. He persuaded the authorities to buy and demolish a number of buildings to expose the finds

The Romans first reached the area — home of the Celtic Dobunni tribe - within months of landing on the sauna; and the frigidarium, Kent coast in AD 43. It was where overheated bodies occupied as a military zone to could cool off.

protect the conquered territo-ry of southeast England. But the mysterious hot spring, and the religious significance it held for the natives, inevitably attracted the invaders' attention. They decided to turn it into a place of peace and recreation. The colonnaded temple was dedicated to Minerva, goddess of wis-dom and healing. In a spirit of reconciliation, the Romans chose to identify her with the

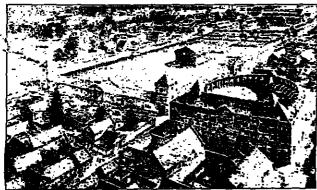
native goddess Sulis. After the Romans left, the buildings decayed and col-lapsed. The Roman inheritance was supplanted by the paternalistic Christianity of medieval England, the abbey ship where in 973 Edgar was formally crowned king.

The supposed curative powers of the waters continued to be recognised, and new baths were constructed. But hygiene was minimal; beggars. thieves, prostitutes and other low life were an unwelcome presence. The Georgians created a new splendour.

Visitors to the museum should use the portable audioreceivers; each exhibit bears a number and, by pressing the corresponding buttons, the visitor can listen to an informative commentary.

The columns that support the elevated promenade around the Great Bath, and the statues that surmount them, are 18th and 19thcentury reconstructions, but create the right ambience. From here the route leads through a striking underground labyrinth in which artificial tableaux, illustrating life in Roman times, alternate with displays of the genuine remains, well lit and imaginatively displayed.

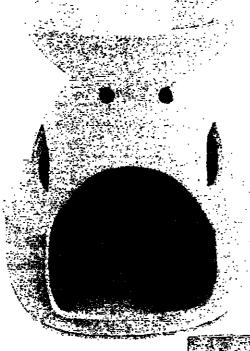
Also on view are the eastern baths, now being further excuvated and provided with improved access; the caldarium, the Roman equivalent of the



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Nasa plans more tests to prove life on Mars

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS who say they have found evidence of life on Mars plan a new series of experiments to substantiate

They will be looking for cell walls and amino acids in the meteorite, picked up in Ant-arctica, which is believed to have originated on the planet.

"We should be able to see if these structures contain membranes perhaps, or if some of the original cell machinery is left," said Dr David McKay, of Houston Space Centre, the leader of the team.

Dr Richard Zare, of Stanford University in California. who analysed the meteorite's organic components with a laser mass spectrometer, said that he would look for amino

By Quentin Letts

METEORITE prices are like-

ly to become astronomic as a

result of the possible discov-

Rarer meteorites, such as

those from the red planet, can

fetch "hundreds of thousands

of dollars", one expert said

yesterday. Common "iron me-

teorites" go for as little as 50

ery of past life on Mars.

acids, the building blocks of proteins. That would be far more persuasive than the evidence presented on Wednesday at a press conference organised by the US space agency, Nasa. Doubts remain that the microscopic objects seen by the team were really produced by living creatures.

Nasa is clearly anxious about a backlash from other scientists over the findings, which is why it included on the press conference panel an outsider, Dr William Schopf, of the University of California in Los Angeles, who expressed

"I would be delighted to see images that showed cell walls," he said. "I'd be delight-

Beatty, a planetary scientist

and senior editor of Sky &

Telescope magazine, said:

There is now a rabid market

for meteorites, especially

among the Jananese People

see them as guaranteed to

increase in value." There are

about "a dozen meteorite deal-

ers of consequence around the

Some dealers will sell

world". Mr Beatty said.

the population of the organism is different from mineral matter. I'd also like to see some evidence of cell division." He said all the tests were possible, using electron microscopes, and should be

Dr Christian de Duve, a Belgian Nobel Prize-winning biologist who is an expert in the evolution of life, said he had serious reservations about the American claims.

"It is interesting. It is impor-tant. It is intriguing. But it is far from conclusive." he said. The scientists were very cautious in saying that there could be other interpretations.

"The chemical evidence mentioned has been found ed to see data that show that before on other meteorites and

Meteorite prices are set to rocket Ron Farrell, told The Wall Street Journal: "The prices have gone to astronomic levels." One buyer was so desperate for a piece of Martian rock that he mentioned a price of \$100,000 (and the size of

sample was not important). The huge majority of meteorites come from the asteroid belt, but the rarer ones come from places like Mars," Mr Beatty said. One of the greatest Martian meteorites. which landed in Nigeria in 1962, weighed 42lb. It was

it is evidence of life," said Dr de Duve, the author of Vital Dust, a book on the origins of life. "Just because organic substances were found on a meteorite that is supposed to have come from Mars does not mean they were formed on Mars by living organisms," he

Noting that the press conference had been preceeded by a statement by President Clinton praising US scientific skill, he asked: "Would this have happened if this was not an election year?"

It will take another year for further tests to be performed. But proof may not come until Nasa has sent another probe to Mars to bring back samples according to Dr Ed Weiler, a Nasa scientist.

Cynics may suspect that persuading Congress to provide the money for such missions had some influence on this week's announcement. That would be unfair on the scientists involved, who have too much to lose if their confidence is misplaced. But the worldwide news coverage did the agency no harm.

Dan Goldin, the Nasa administrator, said the agency "was on the path" towards sending a sample-return probe to Mars by 2005.

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By Quentin Letts

computer crash

America offline in

SIX million computer users were barred from the global Internet yesterday after an American system crashed for more than 18 hours, reducing business executives to tears of frustration and shaking public faith in tomorrow's world.

Maintenance workers at America Online (AOL), the computer "network provider". were installing new equipment in suburban Washington on Wednesday when the company's massive computer system froze. It was described yesterday as perhaps the biggest computer crash - yet.

The system, which is used by people across the world, remained inoperable until early yesterday. The blackout illustrated the extent to which an increasing number of people, the majority of them Americans, have quickly come to rely on the Internet.

Philip Rothstein, a computer disaster consultant, said: This will have major cultural impact, likely to hit public confidence. It is like terrorism. We always think it will never

happen to us, but now it has." He added: "We are at a juncture now where whole businesses and individuals cannot function when there is a computer glitch. There is a perception that computer networks are as reliable as public unlities. There is a feeling of dependancy — and frustration when something does go wrong." He predicted that, as computers became ever more complicated, the number of

range of internet sites and computer services, from news wires to financial forecasts. public entertainment and esystem were forced to give staff a day off, and millions of dollars of income may have been iost.

Members of the public complained that they felt cut-off from the world without the service. "We had to resort to phone calls," said Gregg Armstrong, a California executive, referring to the telephone as if it were a museum piece.

breakdowns would rise. AOL provides access to a mail. Businesses linked to the

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Israeli planes bomb key Hezbollah sites

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem and Michael Theodoulou in nicosia

ISRAELI jets launched pre-dawn bombing raids on Hezbollah positions yesterday near the town of Baalbek, deep inside the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, hours after Damascus rejected an Israeli proposal to resume peace talks.

The Iranian-backed move-ment said it had suffered no casualties from the airstrikes, which followed the killing of one Israeli soldier and the wounding of two others during Hezbollah shelling of their outpost in southern Lebanon on Tuesday.

The two Israeli raids took place just hours before the arrival of international observers to monitor a limited. ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon. The first raid targeted a Hezbollah television station transmitter, which broadcasts from Baaibek, ten miles west of the Syrian border. The second hit a nearby ammunition and fuel dump, causing a

in Israel, an army spokeswoman confirmed the raids, saying they were in response to Hezbollah firing at İsraeli and allied South Lebanon Army militia posts in the past

The latest round of fighting will fuel fears about the ability of the five-nation monitoring committee to ensure that both sides adhere to the limited

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military campaign, Operation Grapes of Wrath, in Lebanon last April. During the 17-day onslaught, hundreds of civilians were killed, prompting international condemnation of the Jewish state.

France and the United States stepped in to broker the ceasefire, under which both sides have agreed to stop firing at civilian targets. However, the agreement did not forbid the two sides from continuing to fight within the area of southern Lebanon still occupied by Israeli forces.

Hezbollah's attacks are now as intense as they were before Operation Grapes of Wrath and 17 Israeli soldiers have been killed in the area this year. Eleven were killed after

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has promised that there will be retaliation for the attacks.

This has prompted fears in Beirut that Israel's right-wing Government might embark on a major offensive against Hezbollah, especially now Da-mascus has spurned the Israeli offer to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon in return for guarantees that Syria would disarm Hezbollah.

President Assad of Syria publicly rejected the plan, known as Lebanon First, because it sidestepped the issue of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

While there are hopes that the ceasefire committee, which

Justice Minister resigns

Jerusalem: Israel's Justice Minister, Yaacov Neeman, an Orthodox Jew, resigned yesterday over allegations that he had interfered in a court case against a Cabinet colleague before they became members of the Government (Ross Dunn writes).

Mr Neeman took the step after a government decision to order a police investigation into the alleged interference in a trial involving Arieb Deri, head of the ultra-Orthodox Shas religious party. The

Neeman rejected the allegations but would co-operate fully in the investigation. A statement from the office

of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, said it was hoped the resignation would be temporary. Mr Neeman, a former

corporate lawyer and law professor, is suspected of trying to influence a with in the corruption trial of Mr Deri. Mr Netanyahu is to appoint an interim minister in the next few days.

limited ceasefire, has delegates from the United and Lebanon, may defuse the situation, it is unlikely to end the fighting. The committee, which was reported to have met for two hours yesterday at the United Nations' base in Naqoura, in southern Lebanon, discussed organisational

Nicholas Burns, the US State Department spokesman, said this week that the Administration was "very pleased" that the monitoring committee would finally begin its work.

However, American and israeli officials believe that the fighting will not end until there is a comprehensive peace agreement between Israel, Syria and Lebanon. This conclusion is based on the fact that Syria has more than 30,000 troops stationed in Lebanon and is the main power-broker.

While Damascus views Hezbollah's military pressure as a useful tool to exact concessions from Israel on the Golan Heights, it runs the risk of provoking Mr Netanyahu into taking action against

When Shimon Peres, his predecessor, was in power. Likud frequently complained that strikes against Hezboliah were being aimed at the puppet when they should have been directed at the puppetmaster in Damascus.



A United Nations soldier watches over the Naqoura base where the international talks were held yesterday

Air strike is aimed as warning to Syria

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

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THE Bekaa Valley has long been the battlefield in Israel's proxy war with its opponents in the Middle East. Yesterday's raid, a classic Israeli response to attacks by Palestinian or Hezbollah fighters. was intended, however, to send a signal to the country with most at stake in Leba-

The Bekaa, lying between two mountain ranges and close to the Syrian frontier, has for the past 20 years been the main base for pro-Iranian Hezbollah groups. During that time it has been virtually a no-go area, housing bases and camps for those intent on attacking Israel in the south.

Beyond the reach of their ground forces, the Israelis responded with air strikes until the Syrians installed Soviet missiles in the valley. The 35,000-strong Syrian forces in Lebanon now have overall control of the Bekaa

1973 war - the valley has become the main area of direct military confrontation between Israel and Syria. There have been tense moments when the Israelis have threatened to knock out all the Syrian missile batteries. The Israeli raid comes at a time when Jerusalem has

launched a "Lebanon first"

peace iniative to get round the

and, with the ceasefire on the

Golan - unbroken since the

separation of forces after the

Golan stalemate. The Syrians. who swiftly denounced Binyamin Netanyahu's plan, are intensely suspicious of this attempt, which they see as an Israeli ploy to separate Lebanon from their control.

Although the Lebanese Government has been unable to take an independent line from Damascus, the Syrians

know that their presence in Lebanon is unpopular. Many settlement with Israel that would allow the country to get on with its reconstruction.

Syrian opposition is fuelled by the memory of a previous attempt by Israel to make a separate peace with Lebanon. This followed the 1982 Israeli invasion of the country and with American encouragement, led to a short-lived peace treaty. Syria intervened, provoked turmoil in Lebanon and forced Beirut to renounce

The Israeli air raids are, therefore, partly a response to Syria's rejection of Mr Netanyahu's plan and partly a warning to Syria that Jerusalem will not tolerate any further military attacks on its forces in the south.

Tehran to accuse **US** of sabotage at world court

By MICHAEL EVANS AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

TEHRAN is to take action against America in the International Court of Justice over Washington's reported funding of covert action against

Iran. "We have prepared the preliminary grounds for our in-tended complaint to the court in The Hague, in particular our complaint against America's decision to allocate \$20 million (£13 million) to undermine and sabotage the Iranian state," Ali Akbar Velayati, the

Iranian Foreign Minister, said yesterday in an Iranian television broadcast monitored by the BBC in Cyprus.
US officials say privately that, in closed sessions, Con-

gress has authorised the spending in the 1996 fiscal year of about \$18 million for covert action to boost democracy in Iran. Iran initiated preliminary legal procedures on the plan in February after the Iranian parliament approved the necessary funding. Dr Velayati also said in his

broadcast that Iran would make the "insane" Administration in Washington regret any military attack on the Islamic Republic. He was responding to fresh American sanctions against Tehran and to Washington's suspicions that Iran was involved in the TWA Flight 800 disaster as well as the June lorry-bomb attack that killed 19 US servicemen in Saudi Arabia.

Dr Velayati's remarks have awakened fears of another tanker war, with the Iranians

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campaigning to disrupt Gulf shipping.
The Gulf is one of the

world's most sensitive waterways. The US relies on the Gulf states of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for 20 per cent of its oil, carried in tankers down the narrow waterway through the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran has shown in the past that it has the ability to mount attacks on shipping in different parts of the Gulf. During the 1984-1988 tanker war. Tehran was responsible for 220 attacks on shipping. But the US Navy retains a strong presence in the region and the Royal Navy also maintains its Armilla Patrol, although now reduced to just one warship with an accompanying tanker.

Although the priority of the US naval presence is to watch over events in Iraq, the buildup of the Iranian Navy, and in particular the purchase of two Russian Kilo-class diesel-powered submarines has posed a potential threat to the Gulf. The Iranian Navy also has two destroyers, three frigates and 38 patrol and coastal combat vessels, including some armed with missiles.



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Russians suffer heavy losses in Grozny battle

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN army units yester-day clawed their way back into battle-scarred Grozny, but came under sustained attack from Chechen rebels,

On the third day of the guerrilla offensive against the Chechen capital, three Russian armoured columns partly succeeded in regaining central districts, although the tactic was costly and indecisive.

While the besieged government buildings in the heart of Grozny were relieved by tanks and armoured personnel carriers yesterday morning, elsewhere Russian armour became bogged down by rebel fire and mines.

Again the Russians resorted to using helicopter gunships and fighter-bombers to hit suspected rebel targets in and around the city, a tactic which, according to the rebels, led to the shooting down of a Russian warplane.

As plumes of smoke rose over Grozny, Russian com-manders claimed that the tide of battle had turned and that troops were conducting "mopping up" operations. Shamil

Basayev, the Chechen separat- dreds of wounded civilians ist commander in charge of the assault, responded that Grozny was under his control. He even offered to open peace talks with the Russians, saying that their security would

be guaranteed. While the war of words and bullets raged, the casualty figures continued to climb. The Russians conceded that

were in urgent need of evacuation for medical treatment. For the time being, however, neither side appeared ready to give way, and in theory the

current spate of fighting could continue indefinitely, particularly if the rebels continue to rotate their fighters and bring in fresh ammunition. Although outgunned and out-

numbered by the Russians, the small fighting units of 20 to 30 Chechen fighters are

ideally suited for the type of

urban warfware currently

being waged. The Chechens know the

city's backstreets, generally have the sympathy of the local population, and can take cover

in the warren of wrecked

buildings in the city centre.

The long straight roads in

6 Chechens know the backstreets and can take cover in a warren of wrecked buildings in the city centre 9

during the three days of fighting 70 soldiers had been killed and nearly 300 injured, half of them Interior Ministry troops. Among the dead was Lieutenant-Colonel Andrei Skatsev, commander of an armoured column ambushed

entering the city.

Although no accurate figures exist for rebel losses, the International Committee of the Red Cross said that hunGrozny allow just a few wellconcealed snipers to control important access routes and intersections.

For their part, the Russians in static defensive positions or travelling through the streets in armoured columns are very vulnerable to ambushes and guerrilla attacks.

The street fighting in Grozny continued to shake the political leadership in Mos-cow, where President Yeltsin is today due to make his first public appearance in more than a month when he is sworn into office for a second term. However, few in Moscow are giving the inauguramuch thought and instead there is concern that, without strong leadership from the Kremlin chief, the fighting in Chechenia could intensity.

President Yeltsin's spokesman said yesterday that as soon as the inauguration ceremony was over and his new Government approved, the Kremlin leader was expected to begin a long holiday to

rines sets off on its final journey from the German port of Bremerhaven to be broken up in the Turkish port of Izmir yesterday (Thomas de Waal writes).

The huge Baikal station was built to carry out repairs the Soviet submarine fleet and had attracted inter-

Last voyage for colossus

est from different foreign investors since the break-up of the Soviet Union. But it ended up unwanted. The station spent 18 months in Bremerbaven while the Lloyd Werft shipyard worked on plans to move it back up the Baltic and turn

it into a floating hotel on the quays of St Petersburg. But the project ran into financial trouble and eventually Turkish businessmen bought the

100-yard-long colossus for £210.000. Now it will become

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Chirac

more inventive methods of coping with its great financial problems. While it tries to maintain

ageing submarines and surface vessels, it is also seeking funds to deal with the many wrecks off the Russian coast. many of which are feared to be in danger of leaking radioactive waste into the

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gives Juppé a break FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC yesterday invited Alain Juppé to join him for a weekend at his holiday retreat in Provence, a public show of support that will come as an intense relief to the much-criticised French Prime Minister.

Over the past week M Chirac has held consultations with numerous political heavyweights, including sev-eral of M Juppe's rivals. fuelling speculation that he might be planning to drop the Prime Minister or reshuffle the Cabinet.

M Juppé's conspicuous absence from the presidential guest list put pressure on the franc and prompted officials at the Hotel Matignon, the Prime Minister's office, to issue an official statement saying that rumours of his departure were "absurd".

Last year, M Juppe visited Bregançon off the coast of Provence, which has been the oresidential summer residence since 1968, but this year M Chirac waited until yesterday, the very day he was leaving on holiday, to an-nounce that M Juppe could come too, albeit briefly.

The issue of whether or not M Juppė would join the President on holiday has preoccupied political observers for days. As France-Soir reported: "The absence of such a visit would give the impression that Alain Juppe and Jacques Chirac have nothing else to say to each other. On the other hand, if the Prime Minister goes to Brégançon, one might think that it is in order for Jacques Chirac to warn him of his impending sacking."

It is evident, though, that when M Juppé and M Chirac get together at Brégançon for the weekend of August 24-25, neither will be in a particularly jolly holiday mood. At the very least. M Chirac's meetings with such notables as Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister, Charles Pasqua, the former Interior Minister, and Alain Madelin, the former Finance Minister who have all openly criticised M Juppé - indicate that the President is determined to unite the ruling coalition regardless of his Prime Minister's sensitivities.



Cruise: targeted as a

Anti-sect * picket at Cruise's new film

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ANGRY young Germans yesterday picketed cinemas throughout the country to protest against the involvement of Tom Cruise, the American actor, with the Scientology sect.

the normally placed youth wing of Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union - are a token of the growing political pressure in Germany against Scientology, which has been actively recruiting.

Paul Stefan Mauz, a Christian Democrat member of 🕏 parliament, claimed yesterday that Cruise was a "high-ranking" Scientologist and that, as the leading actor and co-producer of Mission: Impossible, he was likely to swell the coffers of the sect.

Herr Mauz is trying to persuade the Government to restrict subsidies to cinemas that show films starring known Scientologists. The Christian Democratic youth wing took up the cry and is picketing many of the 600 cinemas showing Mission:

Impossible.

We want to fight the sect and not cinema-goers as such, said Burkhard Remmers, the regional chairman of the young Christian Democrats in Lower Saxony.

Renate Rennebach, a Social Democratic deputy and opposition spokeswoman, argued that a film boycott "made a great deal of sense" if it emerged that the film was partly financed by the sect. However, she said it was wrong to boycott the film simply because Cruise is known to be a Scientologist.

Barbecue on the farm for anti-beef Germans

By Roger Boyes

MORE than 50 per cent of Germans have cut beef out of their daily diet or are eating it less frequently because of "mad cow disease", according to an opinion poll published

yesterday. To counter the boycott, German farmers are throwing barbecue parties throughout the country, with only token fees being charged for prime, grilled chunks of German sirloin.

The Allensbach Institute found that 38 per cent of Germans now eat less beef and 15 per cent have given it up altogether. A further 5 per cent are vegetarians. Most importantly, 58 per cent of

German women say they have reduced their beef consumption, making it clear that Germans have turned against beef in a big way.

The revolt is mainly concentrated in industrial regions and cities: in the Bavarian countryside beef consumption is still relatively high, partly because consumers know the farmers who supply local butchers.

Most German butchers now state in posters from which farmers they buy beef and mutton. Large announcements in supermarkets pledge that the shops do not stock British meat and that all dairy products are German.

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Right rides high as Dole heads off abortion squabble

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE has finally averted a damaging battle over abortion at next week's Republican convention, but the unmistakable message sent by a week of ugly infighting is that hardline social conservatives

now control the party.
Late on Wednesday Mr Dole brokered a deal under which pro-abortion Republi-Governors abandoned their threat to force a floor debate on the party platform's call for a constitutional amendment banning all abortions. In return, their attempts to soften the abortion ban will be recorded in an appendix.

Dole aides and the Governors put the best face they could on this arrangement, but Religious Right leaders dismissed it as mere windowdressing", and there was no disguising the fact that they had inflicted a humiliating defeat on their party's presidential nominee. To capture the White House in November, Mr Dole simply must win over millions of moderate suburbanites, especially women, who strongly oppose

an outright ban on abortion. In June he issued a "non-negotiable" demand that the platform prominently include a "declaration of tolerance" recognising the divergent views on abortion in the party. Last Monday the conserva-tive-controlled platform-writ-

ing committee rejected that "tolerance" declaration and — to the Governors dismay — Mr Dole capitulated.

Pat Buchanan, Mr Dole's primary challenger, was so pleased with the platform's strongly conservative tone on abortion and other issues such as affirmative action and immigration that Bay Buchanan. his sister and campaign man-ager, said he might endorse Mr Dole this weekend.

Further underscoring the Right's dominance of the party, three anti-abortion candidates this week defeated proabortion rivals in Republican senatorial primaries in Georgia. Michigan and Mr Dole's home state of Kansas.

President Clinton accused the Republicans of the same "extremism" on abortion they

Democrats gain ground in poll

Washington: The Demo-crats could regain control of Congress, lost two years ago to the Republicans, according to a CBS News/New York Times opinion poll yesterday. Fifty-five per cent favoured the Democrats and 46 per cent the Republicans. President Clinton led Bob Dole by 56 to 34 per cent. (AFP)

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Western Cape," he said.

showed during last year's budget battles. Joe Lockhart, the Clinton campaign spokesman, said the Republicans had proved themselves "an intolerant party".

yesterday dramatically illus-trated what an uphili battle Mr Dole now faces. With less than 100 days to go, he trails Mr Clinton by 30 points in a three-way race with Ross Perot. By 46 per cent to 39, respondents also said they would back Democrats over Republicans in November's congressional elections.

The Dole campaign has been banking on three events to rescue their candidate. The first was Monday's unveiling of his economic plan, but the media largely dismissed his call for massive tax cuts as a sign of desperation.

The second will be the unveiling of Mr Dole's running mate, probably on Saturday. He could have transformed the race had he persuaded Colin Powell to run. As it is, there is no other obvious contender capable of electrifying the electorate.

Finally, there is next week's convention in San Diego, but the goal of presenting a united face to the nation has been somehwat undermined by the abortion row.

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Bob Filner, a San Diego Democratic Congressman, sets up his stall outside the city's Civic Centre, venue of next week's Republican convention

TWA crash cargo included turtles and bowling alley

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

LIVE turtles, a large consignment of decorative gold glitter and an unassembled bowling alley were among freight on TWA Flight 800 when it crashed last month into the Atlantic off Long Island after leaving New York.

Other cargo included Japanese shop tills. Aids blood samples, US State Department documents and oxygen tanks. Such tanks were also in the hold of the ValuJet DC9 that came down this summer in Florida. There is no suggestion, however, that such tanks caused the TWA crash.

It was not certain yesterday why the turtles were being transported across the Atlantic, but they were unlikely to have escaped death. The laboratory samples of HIV-positive blood were going to French scientists as part of an Aids research experiment.

The gold glitter, packed in bins and weighing several hundred pounds, was of the type used at children's parties and for Christmas decorations. After the explosion. which happened as the Boeing 747 was climbing to cruising altitude, the glitter covered many parts of the plane.

The cargo was packaged by a number of airline freight companies whose workers have been questioned by investigators. The crash cause has still not been announced, but an accident remains a slight possibility, beside terrorism. Investigators have recommended that the engine

fuel motors of other jets be inspected for corrosion. After the recovery of a 75ft section of the right wing, some 30 per cent of the jet has now been retrieved.

The medical examiner for Suffolk County, in Long 1sland, said that most passengers died instantly because of extreme spinal trauma from whiplash. Such was the "sledgehammer-like" change of pressure and speed after the explosion, said Dr Charles Wetli, that the spine, "the master-cable of the body", would be snapped.

You have a drop in baro metric pressure, doing 400 miles an hour and now a drastic change in velocity and direction. So the head is a huge weight on the body and is subjected to great forces, forward and backward, and that is going to cause damage to the spinal column and the brain stem."

Some victims were officially listed as having drowned, but in many cases that was proba-bly a reflex action of already lifeless bodies ingesting water. he said. The majority of victims would have known nothing as they hurtled towards

Police divers were yesterday trying to work out how to lift two of the jet's engines from the seabed. Parts of a third engine were also discovered. and crash investigators will examine them to see if their workings were disrupted be-

Troops ready to stop Cape Town vigilante war

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg sponsibility to fight all crime."

TROOPS from South Africa's National Defence Force were mobilised yesterday for deployment in areas of Cape Town that have become potential flashpoints between warattempts to restore public con-

fidence in the security forces. The risk of an escalation in fighting has increased after the fit-for-tat murder of a taxi driver on Wednesday night. Faizel Ryklief, an anti-drugs vigilante, was shot by four men wearing balaclavas who had ambushed his minibus taxi. Two other people were

The Hard Livings gang had given a warning earlier this week of retaliatory attacks on Muslims and had threatened to kill children and burn down mosques. This followed the murder on Sunday night of a notorious Cape Town gangster. Rashaad Staggie, who was set alight and shot by a mob of Muslim vigilantes from People Against Gang-

sterism and Drugs (Pagad). A hundred policemen from the Rapid Response Unit were deployed in Cape Town yesterday and another 200 members of the Public Order Policing Unit in Pretoria were put on standby. "A clear message must be sent that we have no intention of abdicating re-

water, the first crossing to be

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years opened in central Paris

iately swamped by protests.

Just hours after its official

unveiling, the Pont Charles de

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between the Gare de Lyon

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: WORLD SUMMARY

'Traitor' in Khmer Rouge

Hong Kong: Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guerrilla group munity support, he said, addhas suffered two potentially ing that it was not too late to devastating blows (James Pringle writes). Khmer Rouge framework of the law. Pagad that the top aide to Pol Pot, the ruthless leader rumoured to leaders vesterday accepted his have died two months ago, offer of talks and will meet was a traitor, while the Cam-President Mandela, meanbodian Government said two while, hinted at the introducgenerals of the group had defected to its side with 3,000 tion of tougher measures to deal with crime. "In a couple men, half the guerrillas' fightof days the people of South

The radio accused leng Sary, the rebels' foreign affairs expert. of embezzling £10.4 million. It said: "leng Sary is a traitor." The defections were announced by Hun Sen, Cambodia's Co-Prime Minister.

Police to quiz Jakarta leader

Jakarta: Megawati Sukarnoputri. Indonesia's pro-demo-cracy leader, will submit herself for police interrogation today while the formidable national security machine confronts what the Government regards as a new "communisttype" threat from a new urban underclass (Christopher Thomas writes). The Government is determined to intimidate and today's exercise is designed to unsettle her and to send a warning to pro-democracy activists not to go too lar.

U2 spy plane crash kills two

Los Angeles: More than 40 years after its first flight, an updated U2 spy plane has crashed in northern California, killing the pilot and at least one civilian (Giles Whittell writes). The U2, on a routine mission, crashed in a car park in Oroville after spiralling to the ground for nearly a minute. The pilot is said to have ejected and opened his parachute, but he died before reaching ground.

Tamils keep up fierce resistance

Colombo: Long-range bantles raged in northern Sri Lanka for the fifth consecutive day as Tamil guerrillas kept up a ferocious counter-attack to de-fend their political headquar-ters, the military said. A spokesman said the rebels admitted 182 dead, while government forces put their own casualties at 48 killed and 67 seriously wounded. (AFP)

Bear's victim

Tokyo: Michio Hoshino. an experienced wildlife photographer, was mauled to death by a brown bear in the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula, where he was working on a television nature programme. (AP)



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blocked by demonstrating bank workers, creating huge The Socialist Party and environmental groups yesterday criticised the structure. which they said would increase traffic and pollution in

The bridge's sleek design the capital. Others have pointhas been widely praised, howed out that the bridge does not ever. The simple concrete and link the major arteries on steel structure, originally deeither side of the Seine and signed by the architects Louis Arretche and Roman Karasinski, who both died before it was completed, is some 220 yards long and incorporates two lanes of motor traffic Cheaper travelling in one direction, as well as a bus lane, a cycle lane insurance and a pedestrian walkway.

Tide of protest over

new Seine bridge

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

LIKE a bridge over troubled thus will do little to ease

David Dimbleby on the chilling family row that has divided a nation. Would Gerald be better off dead?

children, or perhaps they are making an effort to amuse him. First he clings to the back of an aquabike as his grandson shows off a few smart turns. Then he is encouraged to slide down a plastic chute. He slips and instead of sliding, jumps awkwardly into the water and comes up laughing. The grandchildren also laugh and splash him. But on the terrace above the jetty, his wife watches him like you watch over a child unable to take care of itself. It is only a few weeks since he came back to live with her, after a fivemonth absence while the courts argued whether he was safe in her care or whether she was plotting to have him put to death.

Gerald Klooster (pronounced Close-ter) is the son of a vegetable seller from Indiana. His father put him through college where he qualified as an obstetrician. While there he met Ruth, who became his wife. Her father was a Dutch immigrant who settled in New Jersey and went into business. Ruth clearly thinks her background is superior to that of Gerald, the man she is accused of

wanting to kill.
They lived at first in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but moved to California in the mid-1960s. In Castro Valley outside San Francisco they built a long, ranch-style house which looks across the valley to the mountains on the horizon. A notice on the door reads "Welcome to our friends". The sitting room and kitchen are reminiscent of a Swiss chalet, panelled in dark wood with decorative baskets hanging from the beams. Two teddy bears as big as people occupy an entire sofa facing the blank screen of a vast tele-

Beyond the kitchen the house changes character. There is a formal drawing room and dining room with antique furniture, silver-plated trays and candelabra. and oil paintings in gilded frames. This immaculate room is the creation of someone who sets great store by appearances, by presenting a picture of neatness and order, elegance and harmony. It is Ruth's creation and, if you believe her son Chip, it gives a clue to her character and helps to explain why he felt forced to kidnap his father to prevent his untimely death.

Gerald Klooster is a welcoming but slightly distracted host. He smiles and shakes hands and says: "Good to see you". And when you leave he says once again: "Good to" see you. Come back soon. Everything's fine." But these meaningless courtesies are like the words foreigners learn from their phrase books. In between it is impossible to hold any rational conversation.

Mr Klooster was diagnosed as a sufferer from Alzheimer's six years ago. Now he is seriously ill, not suffering physically but incapable of the simplest actions.

dress himself. Chip has Chip thinks his mother is ashamed of put it in his father's illness because she is selfish the public and shallow. wants the status of a mind that doctor's wife, pearls and mink and a Lexus Iama

Ruth tried to prevent murderer' anyone knowing about Gerald's illness at first, covering up for his increasing forgetfulness. When it drama is simply told. When his became obvious that he was ill and the strain of looking after him became too much for her, she

decided, Chip says, to end his life. At this point the story becomes murky. The family disagree about the motives behind Ruth's actions, although the practical steps she. took are not contested. She contacted Dr Jack Kevorkian, or "Dr Death" as he is popularly known, who lives near Detroit, Michigan. Dr Kevorkian's speciality is assisted suicide. He has invented a machine which allows his patient to administer poison to himself in

sufficient quantities to die. Chip Klooster says he first Christmas". He would not be alive

slightly stooping but not firall man with a kindly face and twinkling eyes is amusing his grand-in, or perhaps they are to end her husband's life





Ruth Klooster (above) admits contacting "assisted suicide" specialist Dr Jack Kevorkian. Her husband Gerald (right) has suffered from Alzheimer's for six years

realised that his mother was contemplating Gerald's death last September, when his parents came to stay with him in Petoskey, a small town on the shore of Lake Michigan. Chip, like his father, is a doctor and works at a clinic which specialises in treating spinal injuries and the physical effects of strokes and brain damage.

But Chip had made one break with family tradition which his elder brother claims may have led him to act in a way that has destroyed the family and brought them close to bankruptcy. The Kloosters were all brought up in the Protestant faith. They worship

in the Christian Redisdainful of Roman Catholicism. Chip broke ranks when he married Mary. a Roman Catholic. He now worships with her at the Catholic Church of St Francis and, according to his brother Curt, is as much under her thumb as he once was under his

Chip's version of the parents visited him, his mother revealed that she had joined the Hemlock Society to find out about assisted suicide. Mary and Chip told her that she should abandon the idea. it would be murder. His mother said she had to explore all the options because his father's condition was worsening. If he was to die by assisted suicide, it had to be done while he was still well enough to appear to have taken the decision himself, so that it would "look like suicide". She urged Chip and his family to come over to California for Christmas because it would be "Dad's last

for his 69th birthday in January

Chip's first reaction was to contact the rest of the family in California to persuade them to force his mother to give up her plans. One brother, Craig, a 41year-old chiropodist, is a supporter of assisted suicide. But the other children who, like Chip, oppose it, were not convinced that their mother would go through with it. They thought Chip was being overdramatic.

Chip, in fear for his father's life, went to court in California to ask that he be made his The family were thrówn into turmoil.

The date of the hearing was fixed for December 1 last year, but before it there was a family conference. It was agreed that Ruth would abandon any further attempts at contacting Dr Kevorkian and seek counselling, while they

waited for the case to come to court. But according to Chip, his mother, far from being restrained, now saw the court hearing as the deadline for her plan to succeed. If she waited until the court case, she might find her husband declared of unsound mind, in which case those who assisted in his death would risk facing charges of homicide.

in November last year, Ruth took Gerald on holiday to Tampa, Florida, to stay with some old friends, Joe and Teresa Rodriguez. The Rodriguezes were suspicious. They say that Ruth had already

asked them to help her to obtain lethal drugs back in the summer and was still badgering them when she came to stay in November. Their suspicions were confirmed when they discovered that instead of planning to fly directly to San Francisco at the end of the visit, Rith had booked her hus-band and herself on a flight to Detroit. She had reserved a room in a hotel and had arranged an appointment with Dr Kevorkian. Ruth does not dispute this.

Chip Klooster in conversation with David Dimbleby

The Rodriguezes warned Chip in Michigan about the suspicion that his father's life might be in danger. The following day, Chip flew down to Tampa. He rented a car at the airport and drove to the Rodriguezes' house. He had decided to abduct his father but, to carry out his plan, he had first to distract his mother. At a prearranged with the moment agreed Rodriguezes. Chip's wife called from Detroit and asked to speak to Ruth. According to Ruth, Chip's wife launched into a long explana-

tion of how Chip and she were

It is hard to believe that Gerald genuinely acquiesced in the abduction. He responds: "OK. That sounds real good," to almost any friendly proposal, whether he is asked if he would like to go for a swim, or have lunch. He shows no sign of understanding any proposal or deciding on any course of action. As long as a proposal is made genially and by a face he knows, he is inclined to accept it. Yet the family constantly make claim and counter-claim about his intentions based on this one-

father replied: "OK.

That sounds real

planning to drop the court case for Ruth claims that Gerald had custody of Gerald. With Ruth clearly indicated his preference for distracted, Joe Rodriguez led Gerassisted suicide in the past when ald out on to the porch and into they discussed the prospect of Chip's car. It is a sign of Gerald's living life "in a bed, just lying confusion that he accepted without there. We don't believe in that. I demur both his son's unexpected would say that we both believe in arrival in Florida and his invitaassisted suicide." She admits that tion to go for a midnight drive, all without saying a word to his wife. Ruth claims that either the she contacted Dr Kevorkian to explore that option and that she had arranged to go to Detroit to consult him, but will not say Rodriguezes or Chip had drugged whether Dr Kevorkian would Gerald to make sure he went have offered help, or whether she quietly. She remembers coming off the telephone to would have agreed to accept it. "I find Gerald gone don't think we can say what could

have happened or would have and Joe Rodriguez rather limply ex-On November 20 last plaining that he two days after his by a gang of four men, possibly inarrival with his father back in Michigan, cluding Chip. Chip drove east to Orlan-Chip went before Judge Frederick R. Muldo and at two in the hauser, who granted morning, checked him a temporary order pending a full hearing of the case. What folinto a motel. He told his father that next morning they lowed was a prolonged legal wrangle in which would take a flight to Michigan in Californian order to "straighten Kloosters flew to Michigan to ask for their things out". Acfather back, and the cording to Chip, his

courts in Michigan and California disputed who had the right to decide Gerald's fate. Judge Mulhauser was in no

doubt that Chip should have custody of Gerald. He accepted that Ruth was a danger to her husband; that she was acting "in subterfuge" to promote her suicide plans for her husband and would not be dissuaded; that she was a determined, strong-willed woman who would see that her mission was accomplished, a mission "to end her husband's life because she believed it was the right thing to

He accepted that, apart from Craig, all the children were op-

posed to the suicide plan but accused them of being too trusting in their mother's assurances that she meant no harm to Gerald. Only Chip was able to act with "sufficient effectiveness", the only one of the children "not willing to trust to luck to protect their

During the next five months, while the lawyers argued, Gerald stayed in Michigan at Chip's house, going regularly to a daycare centre. Chip says he was happy there, but the Californian Kloosters dispute that, claiming Chip would not even let them speak to their father on the telephone. In the end the legal costs he was incurring and the pressure from the Californian court, which demanded Gerald's return to his home state, became too much for Chip and he reluctantly relinquished his guardianship. It was agreed that Gerald would live with his daughter. His wife would have visiting rights.

On April 10 this year, Curt, the eldest son, flew to Michigan to take Gerald back to California. In June the Californian court allowed Gerald to go back to live with his wife. There are, however, two conditions imposed: that even if euthanasia becomes legal in California, Gerald will not be subjected to it. And that in the event of his death, whatever the circumstances, an autopsy will be per-

formed on his body.

Gerald is now likely to live out his natural life. Neither Ruth nor any doctor can countenance assisting in his death. "I am certainly not going to jail for this," Ruth says. His son Craig argues that his father is now "condemned to live this disease out". Chip is still understandably suspicious: "My who intended to end his life. I don't think anything has really changed."

xcept of course the Klooster family. Chip, who Judge Mulhauser said was the only one willing to act to save his father, is estranged from his brothers and his sister. He has no contact with his father, who shows signs of distress if Chip's name is even mentioned. His mother is angry that "Chip has put it in the public's mind that I am a murderer. I am not a murderer. It's very hurtful that this child would even say that." She claims he had a baser motive, that he wanted to secure custody of his father so that he could lay claim to half the estate, using it to pay for Gerald's care but leaving enough to fund his own life as well.

On the morality of euthanasia, the Klooster family is divided. On the damage the battle has done. united. The relationship with their younger brother is destroyed. Both sides face legal bills of several hundred thousand dollars and both have adopted an American solution: to sell the book and

My father

is back

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mother.

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television rights to the Meanwhile Gerald, back home, lives in a world of his own, wandering about the garden obsessively dead-heading the pansies and humming to himself, increasingly oblivious to the drama he has lived through. And Ruth, denied the one exit she had wanted to explore, faces the prospect of a husband "lying in a bed with no intelligence

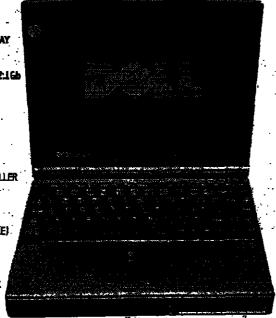
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left to think with". It is only one family's story. But since it began last September, the courts have declared assisted suicide with consent legal in more than a dozen states. The rulings are to be challenged in the Supreme Court but if the change in the law is upheld, Chip Klooster is unlikely to remain in the record books much longer as the only son in US legal history to seek custody of one parent to prevent the other arranging a death.

 The Klooster story is recounted in a BBC2 series on the consequences of ageing presented by David Dimbleby, Staying Alive, on Sunday at 6.50pm

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'I long to be a shopkeeper again'



three marriages - "my whole

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children" - but has not yet managed to stay married

through the children's teens.

"It's always been my fault." he

says, and always hideously

wife, Rosie, a television director 25 years his junior, who

makes films for The South Bank Show. She is the daugh-

ter of Michael Alison, MP, and

niece of the late Barley Alison,

who ran Secker & Warburg's

Alison Press and gave legend-

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His new idea

But now he has a young

painful."

The last time Tim Waterstone had a bright idea, bookshops in Britain were changed for ever. Now he has had another ...

formed the face of bookshops. Tim Waterstone is won't be about to revolutionise another downmarket about us." market: small children. He has had eight of them, from

He dismisses George Steiner's prognosis about books going out of style dead' thing, stop talking about CD-Roms and get on with selling books. People's need for stories is as strong as ever. ary parties. Waterstone waxes

Just go into Waterstone's in

> 'People's need for stories is just as strong as

struck him when he observed how parents take their children on vise him whether to look weekend money-spending ex-peditions "largely out of guilt". and he thought: why not make

Hence "Daisy & Tom": the first two branches will open this year. The name is nothing to do with Derry & Tom: Daisy is his youngest: Tom is his partner's small boy. They will be "gorgeous, theatricallydesigned" emporiums, thrice They will have children's books, toys, stationery, clothes (own-brand Daisy & Tom label), shoes, hairdressing and a white-and-chrome soda bar copied from one he saw in Chicago: "A small child's idea of heaven: formal waiters, milk shakes in tumbling colours, jars of cookies, everything luxurious, with a slightly old-fashioned, retro feel. And

no pop music." Parents who trail their infants from Mothercare to Early Learning Centres to Toys R Us, and queue for shoes on the fifth floor of department stores, will bless him for

putting it all under one roof. It happens in America, but it's a bit downmarket. There It is the exhibitaration of

Waterstone's that he misses. The chain that bears his name now belongs to the W H Smith empire, but it was he who made bookshops chic, cornucopian and welcoming.

among the screen-crazed young. "I just don't believe it. I shouted for joy when The Bookseller's editorial last week said let's all stop this 'novel is Hampstead on a

> Well, yes. We were there last weekend. My son wanted a book, amazingly, for his thirteenth birth-day: Van Gogh's Letters. The assistant could not say whether they had it; she suggested he look in Biography, hut could not ad-

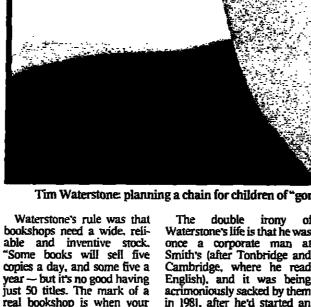
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under V or G. A small local bookshop instantly ordered it. Waterstone groans. "I hate stories like that. I still feel guilty. I prayed that Waterstone's culture would survive, but I'm not sure it will." Last week he was invited to lunch by Smith's chief executive, Bill Cockburn, late of the Post Office. For advice? "I'm not sure. Smith's has got

mess. But that's hardly an

original remark." When he was at Sinclair Stevenson, he says, they published a new William Boyd novel: typically, Smith's ordered just 200. "I said to the then chairman, 'Look, this is ridiculous; Boyd sells 25,000 in hardcover, he's extremely good and popular. So they changed the order to 2,000. And three months later we had 1,800 of them back - still packed in their original boxes." (All publishers tell such stories: the point being that you have to put books out on

display in order to sell them.)



at least 23 of them in stock." ther booksellers complained bitterly Waterstone tered. "We broke the rules," he "We ordered heavily, piled them high, and publishers backed us with extended credit: we jettisoned the received wisdom of bookselling. and proved that stockholding bookshops really can work financially

daughter has 24 books on her

A-level reading list, and finds

"Everyone does it now. This all sounds very self-satisfied, but it did work. It was good for new fiction in the heady 1980s. And meanwhile, instead of competing with Waterstone's, Smith's board were taking bets on how soon we'd fold. That was their very expensive

The double irony of Waterstone's life is that he was once a corporate man at Smith's (after Tonbridge and Cambridge, where he read English), and it was being acrimoniously sacked by them in 1981, after he'd started an American operation that lost money, which propelled him into his rival operation.

"This story sounds wildly apocryphal, but when Simon Hornby fired me, he walked out of my office in New York saying 'I really couldn't care then put his head round the door again and said musingly, I suppose we'd prefer it if you didn't open a chain of bookshops'. And I sat at my desk and thought, 'My God, that's what I'm going to do'. I'd always hated corporate life. I like making my own deci-

So when he sold Waterstone's to Smith's seven years later it seemed an astonishing

"Well, we were a venture capital company, and we were creatures of the 1980s . . . "The company (though profitable) was steeped in debt, the high

street in 1989 looked perilous. So when Simon Hornby made his offer, Waterstone succumbed to the irresistible millions. "I was keen to steer Waterstone's into a harbour. and Smith's promised it would survive, guaranteed to open new stores and keep the format. So I knew the idea I'd started would live. It's still

no regrets even now." The bookshop of his childhood was The Book Club in Crowborough, run by the who would drive out in a van to sell books. "Such energy! My older brother and sister

financially very strong. I have

and I never had any money, but Miss Santorio would let us

But he has no sympathy for the small bookseller, "I had the most foul press from people like Ian Norrie, of the High Hill Bookshop in Hampstead. I never returned fire, though I longed to do so. Look, when 1 started Waterstone's we had nothing but borrowed money and a damned good idea and a desire to see it work. And the reason it were

just didn't go for it with verve."

One Waterstone's idea that worked was authors' evenings. On Wednesday this eek, Waterstone was in the Manchester branch (its manager, Robert Topping, is "the

talking about A Passage of Lives, his new novel about four survivors of Buchenwald. "I always longed to be Jewish," he says, he is, in fact, a devout High Anglican who attends All Saints, Margaret Street. "My mother was so deeply anti-Semitic it brought

best bookseller in the world")

well" and failing, he says, to get sexual passion on paper. "I so wanted to write a love story about an older man and a younger woman, but I couldn't do it. Writing about sex is insulting to your partner, in some respects. Commerce by comparison looks more propitious. "But I

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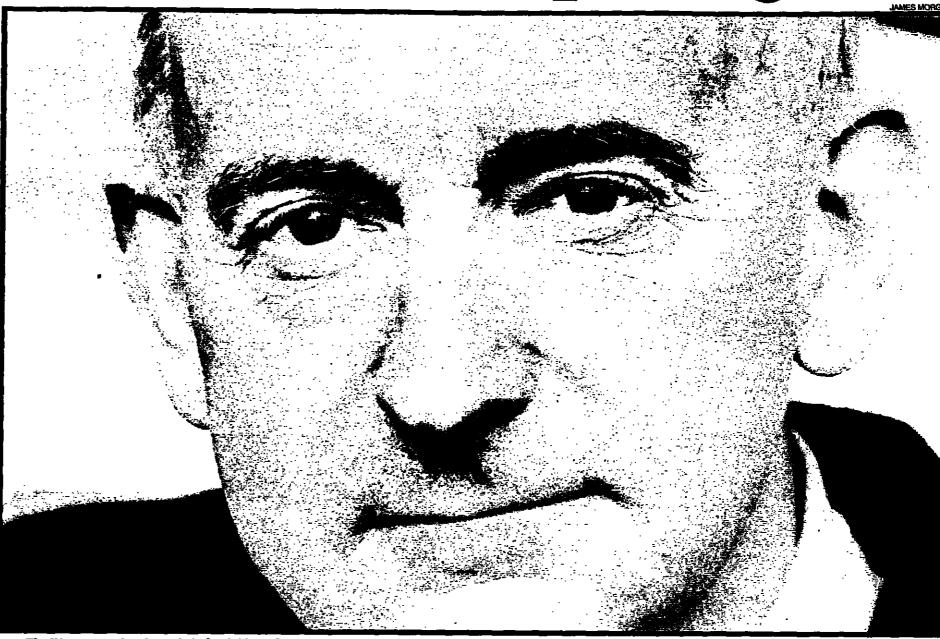
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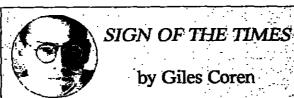
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he built toppled by Hershey as America's largest sweet-

look like the advertising coup

The planet Mars has not

had so much attention since

Orson Welles's infamous War of the Worlds broadcast

in 1938 - when the chocolate

company was only six years

coincidence that identifies the

chocolate with the planet

could, if treated right, mark a

reversal of company fortunes.

Despite such unimagina-

tive past slogans as "Mars are Marvellous" and "There's a

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has had a go. Full pages in a

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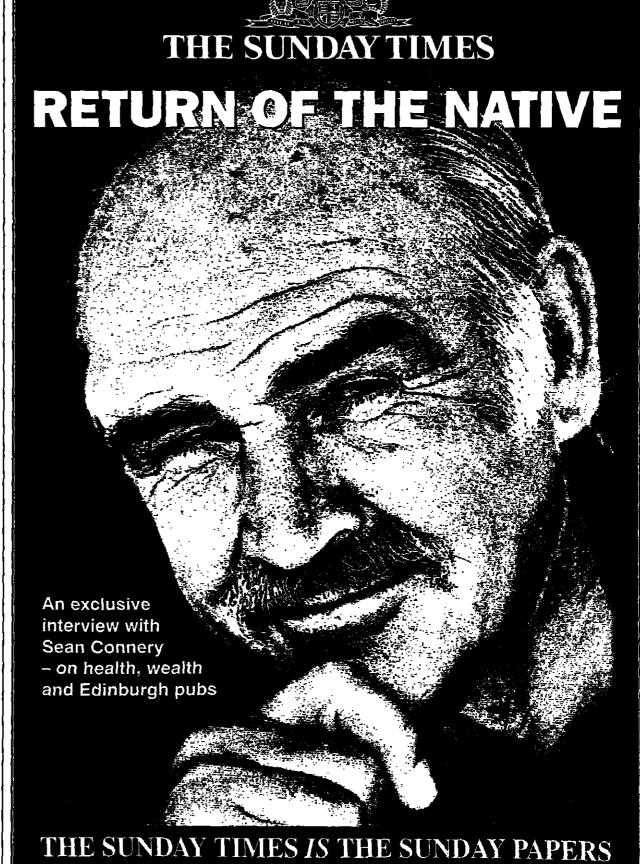
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of the century.

none of these would have tickled Forrest, who was so religious that he made his son, Forrest Jr. kneel in busi-Mars, the man. At any rate, to the patriarch of what was ness meetings and pray for the success of Milky Way and Snickers. It is highly unlikely that he would have counte-nanced the idea of life on any planet other than God's Earth maker, the discovery must and thus missed his chance.

> MARS claims that Forrest Sr, who left his Minnesota home in the 1930s with his father's recipe for Milky Way to set up a company in Slough, and modified the bar to create the confection and company we know today, is alive. But a story in the Indianapolis Star on January 2 suggested other-

As the odds on intelligent life being found in space shorten by the day, those on discovering Forrest Mars lengthen. He has not, at any rate, been seen in public since 1987. But that, as the microfossils made clear, is no guarantee of the absence of life. If there were ever a time for the original man from Mars to show himself, it is now.



Philip Howard



Four fours, plus three fives. Yes, but what's the magic?

od delights in odd numbers. For so say Virgil, Shakespeare and others with a more direct G-mail than the rest of us. But what is the mystery of the number 31? Professor Raymond Hyde of Oxford University (gritty field of physics and earth sciences) raised this question in a letter to the Editor. The question is why do so many languages and cultures use 31 as a numerical idom for the top, ne plus ultra?

In French, etre sur son trente-et-un means to be all dressed up in one's Sunday morning best, dressed up to the nines. In Italian, e questo fa trentuno ("and that makes thirtyone") means the calculation is correct, AOK. A strong expletive (telling someone to go away) heard in the Arabic-speaking world is trianda-ena, the Greek word for 31. So what is the secret of 31?

The English are generally better at obfus-cation than sums. International surveys find that not just Japanese and French, but Korean and American children are years ahead of British children at maths. British Telecom is about to change our telephone numbers again, even though 12 digits allow them to provide everybody in the UK with 20 individual telephone numbers. More logical countries with bigger populations, such as America and France, manage to work with shorter

phone numbers that are easier to remember.

And the English are significantly silent on the mystery number, apart from the verse we need to remind us of the number of days in the month. The Facts on File Dictionary of Numerical Allusions, by Laurence Urdang. has entries for numbers from absolute zero to googolplex and infinity (if that were a number). But zilch for 3t. "Thirty" includes the Thirty Years' War, the Thirty Years' Truce and the triaconter with 30 cars. "Thirty-two" notes the double-bourdon, the lowest stop in an organ, of 32-feet pitch, piquet and ecarté with only 32 cards, and the number of permanent teeth expected in the normal human mouth. Magical or problematic numbers such as seven and nine have hundreds of entries.

You do not ask such questions in The Times without getting ingenious replies from the world's greatest experts in useless information. See opposite. I shall be disappointed if we do not receive 31 incompatible explanations of 31. But here is a modest start. Se mettre sur son trente-et-un is a colloquial idiom for getting all togged up in one's best kit. Like much idiom it is a homophonic pun or misunderstanding. Trente-et-un is a corruption of trentain, a very fine cloth. Petit Robert defines it un drap de luxe dont la chaine était composée de trente centaines de fils.

A similarly satisfying corruption is an explanation of the equivalent English idiom of "dressed up to the nines". Folk etymology explains the phrase as dressed up to then eyne "to the eyes". To which the answer must be, "pull the other one, it's got nine bells on". Burns was fond of the phrase. "Twad please me to the nine." "Thou paints auld Nature to the nines." So chronology demolishes the regimental explanation of the phrase: "the 99th's sartorial perfection at this time [circa 1850]" gave rise to the expression "dressed up to the nines" as the other regiments in Aldershot were constantly trying to achieve the same standard of spit, polish and bullshit. So ingenious, so persuasive, but so wrong by a century.

he problem of 31 will be unlocked in The Times soon, I trust, as rhyming slang. Spoonerism, gambling, or a reference to trente et quarante, another name for rouge-et-noir (in which 30 and 40 are respectively winning and losing numbers). Perfection is possible only in maths, because in spite of Fermat's Last Problem (damn him for his joke?) maths is designed as a tautological system. But few of us can handle tautologies as brilliantly as Srinivasa Ramanujan, the Indian mathematician. His publisher and admirer G.H. Hardy, the Cambridge mathematician, visited him in Putney. "I had ridden in a taxicab number 1729, and remarked that the number seemed to me rather a dull one, and that I hoped it was not an unfavourable omen. [Even (especially) mathematicians are superstitious.] 'No,' he replied, 'it is a very interesting number: it is the smallest number expressible as the sum of two cubes in two different ways." I could read Ramanujan on 31.

A man who reveres a genocidal killer has misunderstood everything about life that is worth knowing

Murder most foul, as in the best it is

I chose my subject from a very deep well of evil, and before my readers say that they don't want any more such matters I do assure them that the evil is so remarkable that I sat up with a bang when I learnt of it. Truly, the the story is not the

story, but the amazement it gives off.

Try speaking this sentence aloud and don't peep at the answer: "He was my hero. He still is. He will remain one of the greatest men of our time." Well? Winston Churchill? De Gaulle? Harry Truman? Alexander Fleming? Einstein? Frank Lloyd Wright? Give up? The man who was a hero. who will remain one of the greatest men of our time, was Adolf Hitler. And the man who said Hitler was one of the greatest men of our time was François Genoud, a rich Swiss banker, who died a few weeks ago, at 81.

Now my readers are a motley crew, which is right and proper, but I presume that none of them admire the Nazis, let alone insist that Hitler will remain one of the greatest men of our time. Of course, there are loonies in every crack and cranny, including that man who pretends to believe that there was no Holocaust, but although I will offend some of my readers. I have to say that though François Genoud stank of evil from his childhood to his grave, it is hard not to admire a man who can continue to hold such beliefs throughout a long and passionate life.

Look at the catalogue. He bankrolled groups of Nazis and of fanatical Arabs; e got war criminals out of Europe; he held Nazi money by stuffing it into Swiss banks; he gave money for the defence in

gloomy subject today, I am sorry to say, with not even a giggle and Carlos the Jackal; he had already, during the war, held the writings of Goebbels and Bormann in safety; he had earlier met the Grand Mufti (equivalent to the head Nazi), he ran what he called the global war against Zionism; he had Hitler's "Political Testament" translated into many languages, and he topped it all when he shook hands with Hitler.

Mad? You could call it mad, but it is not enough to say that he was steeped in Nazism, and it seems he was no ranter or screamer like his hero Hitler. I think that if you met him (Heaven forbid) you would at first think that you had met some kind of businessman ticking off in his head which of his subordinates should have a rise; there is no reason to

believe that he ever struck anybody.

And yet, and yet... what makes a man like this into what he became? It seems that in the Genoud household, the infant Genoud would certainly not have got such ideas. His father was a respectable manufacturer of wallpaper, and it would be stretching things to believe that young Genoud was so delicate a figure, and that papa sold wallpaper so ugly, that our evil young-ster was instantly turned into a lifelong Nazi. But all the signals seem to show that there was nothing crazy in Gen-oud. He met Hitler and shook hands, but surely that would mean some-thing more substantial than a handshake? Of course he had been infected with the poison of anti-Semitism, but that doesn't answer the question; nothing does. It seems clear that Genoud would not kill anyone himself. but from his words I can only deduce

words round your tongue. Here is a man who does not shudder at such words, but feels a glow of pleasure. We, the sane majority, are brought up sharply when murder is discussed, and it is notable that when the word is used in jest (1 could have murdered him!") there is usually something in the air that

mmediately sours the jest. We know and obviously understand

that murder is the greatest of all crimes: to take a sentient being and rob him or her of life is the wickedest thing any person can do. It is said that the abolition of capital punishment in countries such as ours is due to the danger of getting the wrong man, but I think that there is a stronger element. the deep horror of taking human life. (Before hanging was abolished in Britain, I can remember the tremendous stir; at the time of a hanging, hundreds clogged the pavements, banners de-manded clemency, dreadful voyeurs had a good time.)

We talk of murder as though it is obvi-ous and the punishment likewise (an eye for an eye"), but murder is probably the most difficult crime to grapple with. Some kinds of murders, indeed, are

der know the danger he might produce. which rules out a claim of recklessness or ignorance. In Japan. I gather, a murder within the family is thought of as the worst kind, and even today, in Italy, I believe mitigation rules and a passionate deathblow can be overlooked

when honour is at the stake. There can be little argument as to the horror that Shakespeare felt when murder was spoken of; he was not just shocked but longed to "Revenge his foul and most unnatural murder", and went on to describe "Murder most foul, as in the best it is, but this most foul, strange and unnatural". But darkest of all is the murder of Duncan by Macbeth:

Methought I heard a voice cry "Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep", the innocent Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleave of care, The death of each day's life, sore labour's

Balm of hurt minds, great nature's second Chief nourisher in life's feast -

We are now in a world in which murder is almost trivial, so frequent has it become. But that frequency is not just a matter of numbers. Nor is it a matter only of brutality, though I think that meaningless savagery has risen very greatly. The truth is that murder is slowly merging into "ordinary" crime. But murder is not an "ordinary" crime, and any country that begins to believe that it is has begun sliding into the void.

Yes, yes, there are terrible wars going on, and when those terrible wars are over, other wars - just as terrible - will break out in turn. But I am not talking

that he liked the thought of murder: hardly seen to be such. In India, for in-the thought of murder: roll those stance, the law demands that an offenas frequent as pickpocketing. I am not quite old enough to remember "Murder, Inc." — the clusters of American gangsters who killed for money. If you wanted a man killed, the price was fixed and the man was no more. There was a ladder; if you wanted a man maimed, a man robbed, a man threatened . . . there was a price at any level.

I am, however, just old enough to remember the break-up of "Murder Inc" which had a group who turned informer, and "grassed" on the killers. It is said that nearly a hundred gangsters were put behind bars.

But now? I return to the difference the difference between murder and all other crime. Some would say "What's the difference?"; some would admit there's a difference but say it doesn't matter. But it is a big difference, and it does matter. It matters, of course. because in every crime but one, the crime can be rectified.

But that is not the point. The point is that if we believe, or even begin to believe, that murder is only a different kind of crime from bank robbery, say, we shall turn the human creature into just another ordinary creature.

Let us come back to where we started. We saw a rich man - a cultured, knowledgeable, intelligent man - whose only apparent wish was to admire and almost revere Adolf Hitler, and to follow him. He shelled out much of his money in keeping the flag of Hitler flying, and when Hitler shot himself in the bunker, Genoud, sad but not giving up, hauled out the precious documents — Goebbels's diaries. What a waste of a human being! If, indeed, he was one.

Why Blair has to be tough

Anthony Howard

argues that

Labour's leader

sometimes must

give Short shrift

n trying to draw a line under his recent falling-out with Clare Short, Tony Blair has behaved with both prudence and discretion. By taking her on in the first place — and he was, after all, the aggressor in demoting her from Transport to Overseas Aid last month - he badly underestimated her appeal to the electorate. Short is a prick-ly woman (I once had a notable run-in with her on a TV programme called After Dark), and she may not be rated very highly by all the male wiseacres at Westminster, but her place in the hearts of the British public is secure. Rightly or wrongly she is widely perceived as that rare phenomenon, an honest politician who dares to speak her mind.

Of course, the British public can be wrong. It had much the same feelings in the 1960s about George Brown, and few of his colleagues would have recognised the public's impression of him. But unlike the wayward Brown, Clare Short. despite her previous "form" under Neil Kinnock, has always had the makings of a team player.

No one who watched her demolish Liz Davies's appeal at last year's Labour Party conference against her failure to secure endorsement as a parliamentary candidate can be in any doubt about that. And Blair might well have been thought to have owed her one for taking on that particular piece of dirty work. But, alas, within a month she had blotted her copybook, in the eyes of the politically correct, by presuming to say much the same things about soft drugs as had been officially recommended in a Home Office report (by Barbara Wootton) almost 30 years ago. Fresh from their squalid and unsuccessful campaign at the Littleborough and Saddleworth by-election, Peter Mandelson and his army of night creatures were in no mood to permit such impure thoughts to be ventilated.

Yet it is precisely because the electorate detects in Short a refusal to be



silenced — by the "thought police" or anyone else — that it feels affectionate towards her. When she admitted the other day on the BBC's Today programme "Of course, I was hurt by the way I was treated", she may not have been reflecting the normal inhibitions of the politicians' trade union, but she was at least speaking as a fully paid up

member of the human race. What Blair may well not have reckoned with is how powerful a counter-puncher she would prove to be. Her interview in this week's New Statesman is a particularly skilful example of how to cheek the boss without

risking real trouble. Unelected "advisers" always have a rotten time of it in politics (ask Gerald Kaufman or Marcia Falkender), and it may be that in making them - "the people who live in the dark" - the

principal objects of her scorn. Short selected altogether too easy a target. She was probably much nearer the mark in what she had to say about the dangers of political parties deliberately seeking to cut themselves off from their pasts. It is a trick that may work temporarily (witness Clinton's election four years ago in America), but it usually brings havoc in its wake (witness Clinton's record in office ever since). In any event, as David Hare's 1993 play The Absence of War made only too clear, it is a singularly dangerous device for a sup-posedly idealistic party to rely upon. It was when Neil Kinnock began not just to look but to behave like a bank manager in 1992 that all the élan went

out of Labour's campaign. The one point on which Short seems to me less than fair is in her attempt to depict Blair himself as having fallen vic-

tim to the temptation of assuming a macho personality. When he took over. he was - we are told - "a fresh, young, principled and decent man"; now those who are determined to force him to look very strong "are making him less attractive than he is.

Here Short simply ignores the special difficulty of being a Leader of the Opposition, especially one leading the Labour Party. It has been Labour's misfortune always to appear to be "the silly party" of British politics, with its heart in the right place but its head all over the shop. To inspire confidence in the electorate, a Labour leader simply has no choice but to give the impression of being capable of knocking heads together.

That is by no means a necessary guide as to how he will turn out to behave as Prime Minister. No one could have given an impression of greater strength

than Harold Wilson in the 21 months he spent as Leader of the Opposition before coming to office for the first time in October 1964. Yet no one, equally, could have turned out to be a weaker or less determined Prime Minister. For my money, Blair has certainly over-egged the pudding in never losing an opportu-nity to suggest that he is the natural heir to Margaret Thatcher. But at least I can see — or at least I hope I can see — why he does it. He needs to persuade the public that the Labour Party, too, can deliver the smack of firm government.

ere, it may be, lies the real moral of the whole Short imbroglio. Clement Attlee. Labour's first post-war Prime Minister, was a man of few words, but they were usually sharp ones. On one occasion a not notably successful, elderly minister was required to present himself at No 10 for the ritual sacking interview. When the grim news was broken to him, he tried to put the best face he could upon it. "I quite understand, Prime Minister," he bravely murmured, "you need a younger of that. "No," came the tart retort, "not

younger, just abler." My own belief is that the sub-plot of the recent Short drama concerns what happened earlier in the summer over Labour's much-vaunted plans to bring the privatised railways back under public control. Not to put too fine a point upon it, despite press conferences and all the rest, the Opposition ended up by making a total hash of it - the only doomsday weapon it managed to bring out of the locker being a veiled threat that it might not be prepared to renew the present franchise-holders' licences at the end of seven years. It was a display that, not surprisingly, intimidated no one (least of all the franchise holders). .

Since I dare to believe that Tony Blair will turn out to be a far tougher and more radical Prime Minister than most people yet suspect, my own guess is that he drew his own conclusions from that entire episode and resolved there and then that he had no alternative but to change Labour's transport spokesman (who had already anyway so badly fallen out with her number two, Brian Wilson, that the two of them could no longer work together). As a decision, it may not have said much for his political fingertips but at least it bodes well for his ultimately turning into a tough Prime Minister.

All ungnome

IN THE moonlit cool of the Kensington Palace gardens, the Princess of Wales is not alone. A smirking garden gnome has appeared mysteriously among the flowerbeds.

The new guardian of the hydrangeas appeared from nowhere to take up position in the staff garden within the grounds of the state apartments. On first sighting it, senior officials of the Historic Royal Palaces gawped as though choking on spiked kippers.

After the gawping came spluttering then bawling, and in time an inquiry was launched. The gnome, it was decided, was not only vulgar but completely out of keeping with the rest of the estate. When the occupants of a residence include the Princess of Wales, Princess Margaret, Princess Alice and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, however, one cannot simply remove things before finding out how they arrived.

Simon Thurley; curator of the Historic Royal Palaces, was locked in meetings yesterday and unable to throw light on the mystery. But he was said to be livid. "He was doing his nut," said an awestruck

palace. insider, struggling to describe Thurley's rage. The faxes were flying backwards and forwards like missiles. But the gnome is still there at the moment. No one knows whom it belongs to."

● Winners of Cowes Week's most prestigious award, the Britannia Cup, had to make do with an egg



A new royal favourite?

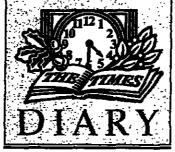
cup worth 62p. An angry Bill West. the marketing director of sponsors Skandia Life, which was hosting the award, said: "The Britannia Cup sits in the Royal Yacht Squad-ron five minutes down the road. But they adamantly refused to lend it to us for the ceremony so I popped to Woolies for the next best thing."

Yoof anthem

NEW LABOUR'S tireless wooing of the youth vote is set to move up a gear with talk that the pop band Oasis are to record a political anthem to see the party through the next general election. Earlier this year the hairy Mancunian brothers at the heart of the band, Noel and Liam Gallagher, declared at the Brit Awards that there were only half a dozen people in the Earls Court Arena doing anything for young people the band, their manager and Tony

It is thought that an adaptation of the Oasis song Champagne Supernova might be in order: "Campaign Supernova".

 This week's New Yorker sees President Clinton talking about his sporting career while a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Interviewed on



Air Force One en route to the Olympics, Clinton says: "If I wasn't overweight, I was slow, and I wasn't in good shape . . . What I really liked was rugby . . . It was pretty tough. I remember we played one of the Cambridge colleges. I got a mild concussion. There were no substitutions in rugby, so our coach told me to go back in. I asked what I was supposed to do since I was dizzy. He said, 'Just get in somebody's way' . . . I think it's a terrific game. I just loved it."

Squawker

PARROT squawks have been disturbing the judicial calm of Harrow Crown Court this week. The culprit? A Lesser Sulpher Crested Cockatoo, known as Primrose. The rare bird, valued at £1,700, was called into court when a man accused of receipt of the stolen creature tried to convince the judge that it was not stolen, but was instead his own bird called Billy. For Judge Barrington Black, the books at this point were useless.

The case rested on the issue of identification. Was the bird the stolen Primrose or another bird belonging to the accused called Billy? Judge Black wrestled with some hard decisions. Was it hearsay when the parrot said "Hello Primrose"? (It was not.) Should there be an identification parade with other parrots? (There should not.)

The jury convicted and the ac-



cused comes back next week for sentence. He has been warned to expect some bird.

High jinks

IN THE Highlands yesterday, drams were downed and 500 clansmen dispersed to the winds at the end of the biggest gathering of the Macphersons since the Battle of Culloden in 1746. A week of drinking. flinging and caber-tossing marked the 50th anniversary of the Clan Macpherson Association, at Newtonmore, ancient home of the

Despite being routed in the tugof-war at the local highland games as comprehensively as they were under Bonnie Prince Charlie, a rollicking time was had by Macphersons from as far afield as America and Malawi. "We had a very dramatic entrance from about 35 Macphersons from Spain," said Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, chief of the clan. They gave us 20 minutes of flamenco,'

Lady's fan

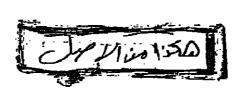
HEADQUARTERS of the Baroness Thatcher fan club (Siesta Branch) would seem to be the Spanish Ministry of Culture and

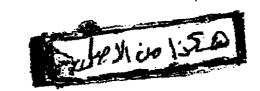


Aguirre: Thatcherite

Education. Esperanza Aguirre, Spain's grant-chopping_minister, has just said that Lady Thatcher's memoirs are her favourite bedtime reading. She swaps favourite Thatcherisms with her deputy, the cultural secretary Miguel Angel Cortes, a man for whom privatisation is an almost indecently pleasurable thought,

Pedro Almodovar, Spain's leading film-maker, is deeply concerned. "Imagine the state of her subconscious," he says, "It freaks me out to think of the vibes she gets from reading these memoirs."





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THETTIMES

POOR CLARE

Ms Short has harmed Labour, but may have helped the voter

Clare Short has done Tony Blair one favour. Any doubt that he was right to demote her has been dispelled by her words in the New Statesman. She used an interview to deliver a self-indulgent attack on Labour's leadership. Her comments will win her no sympathy from those working towards a Labour victory. But they may earn her the gratitude of voters for dragging Labour's divisions into the daylight.

Ms Short has always been an unlikely Cabinet minister. Even if her attempts to censor Page 3 of The Sun and her suggestion that the USA was guilty of "state terrorism" can be excused as the enthusiasms of youth, her recent conduct cannot. Her unguarded comments on cannabis and taxes, and her maladroimess as Shadow Transport Secretary all betrayed a woman ill-equipped for the responsibilities of high office. It is easy to understand why Tony Blair demoted her to Shadow Overseas Aid Minister.

He may, after reading her interview, wish he had gone further. She compares Mr Blair unfavourably with his "intellectually secure" appredecessor, John Smith. She accuses unnamed advisers of suppressing Mr Blair's principled self to make him a "macho man" and she says Labour may lose because it appears so keen to do anything to win.

Ms Short may think that by blaming advisers for Mr Blair's mistakes she is not attacking the leadership. If she is really that naive she should never have gone into politics. Mr Blair is not the plaything of press officers. He is responsible for the approach Ms Short so deprecates. Her comments are a direct attack on his leadership. Having been elected to the Shadow Cabinet she cannot be de-elected but Mr Blair would be more than entitled to

make an example of her in some other way. That Mr Blair has not says something about Ms Short and the truth of one of her observations. Ms Short, for all her indiscipline, indeed very possibly because of it, has a secure place in the affections of the public - not unlike that enjoyed by the former Tory minister Alan Clark. They are two candid politicians who genuinely do what so many affect to and say the unsayable. Moreover, Ms Short displays a femininity at once assertive and attractive. Mr Blair's personal popularity is believed to have suffered for demoting her. A further humiliation might have won Ms Short more sympathy and Mr

Blair more unpopularity. There is another reason why Mr Blair cannot deal too roughly with Ms Short. In her interview she disparages the suggestion that new Labour is a new party and claims that, "most of the people" in the party are "old" Labour. That is not entirely fair. Mr Blair has increased his party's membership by a third since being elected leader. His success in changing Clause Four suggests the majority of members support modernisation. But Ms Short is right in one crucial respect. The membership of the Parliamentary Labour Party remains resolutely "old": 218 of them voted for her in the Shadow Cabinet elections, ensuring that she came third. Harriet Harman, a weaker vessel perhaps, but the model of a moderniser, came nineteenth.

If Mr Blair wins the election then many of those on his coat-tails will be of like mind. But a significant section of his parliamentary party will still side emotionally with Ms Short. MPs quiet now for fear of prejudicing victory will find their voices. Ms Short and the MPs who voted for her in such numbers did not join a party dedicated to low taxes, private enterprise and assertiveness abroad. It is not surprising that they should be uncomfortable at finding themselves in a party that claims to support all three. By letting the voters feel her pain now, Ms Short may have alerted them to the

dangers they may face in the future.

DOLEFUL PROSPECT

The Republicans are pulling their house down around them

As Bob Dole ponders his dwindling chances of getting through next week's Republican Convention without a vicious floor-fight between the anti-abortion and pro-choice wings of his party, ominous portents have reached him from his home state, Kansas. There, and in Georgia and Michigan, dogmatic opponents of abortion have swept primaries for House and Senate seats. The losers include Sheila Frahm, the woman appointed to replace Mr Dole last June.

Party managers are trying to portray these results as proof that the great conservative themes of small government, lower taxes and "traditional values" that won the Republicans control of both Houses of Congress two years ago retain all their vitality. It proves nothing of the kind, because none of these ideological issues was in contention: the single decisive factor was abortion. For Mr Dole, these are straws to break an

already overburdened back. The resurgent militancy of anti-abortion Republicans threatens his every attempt to carry his campaign to the heart of mainstream suburban America. It is not enough to lead a conservative party in a country that is now profoundly conservative, if that party insists on tearing itself to shreds before the voters' eyes. Both at the grass roots and nationally at San Diego, activists of the Religious Right seem careless of the electoral risks of replunging the party in the factional warfare that it escaped in 1994, when Newt Gingrich's Contract with America united most Republicans

on a platform with broad popular appeal. In June Mr Dole thought for a moment that he had come up with a "broad tent" formula that would, by giving both sides a symbolic victory, bring some decorum to the San Diego convention. The Republican commitment to a constitutional amendment banning all abortion would stay in the

platform, but it would be balanced by a "declaration of tolerance" for those Republicans who dissented. The Religious Right rapidly let him know that this was a fight that they were bent on winning, even at the cost of losing him the election. He backtracked in haste, with the result that both moderate Republicans and those of the tht have risen in arms, vowing to take the battle to the floor at San Diego.

For America, this represents a remarkable reversal of party roles. It is the Democrats who traditionally have been riven by factions and in thrall to special interests, constantly juggling with demands by ethnic minorities or organised labour that the Government intervene to guarantee their participation in the American dream. Republicans, by contrast, were united by a conservatism that abhorred both big government and extreme positions, emphasising the virtues of individual responsibility and of a political climate in which the State gave citizens the widest possible freedom to manage their own affairs. In this they claimed to reflect the true instincts of "ordinary Americans".

The rancour over abortion is more damaging to the Republicans than to the Democrats because it challenges this distinctive Republican reluctance to bring the State into private decisions, just when President Clinton is successfully adopting conservarive symbols. Republicans who argue that moral decisions, including abortion, belong in the realm of individual conscience and are no concern of government risk damnation from the Christian Coalition, which equates support for the right of choice with complicity in murder. Main-street America has rarely been more in tune with core Republican values; for Mr Dole, it is a cruel twist of fate that just as their hour would seem to have come round again, the party itself is too divided to project these values effectively.

VIRTUOUS CYCLE

Everyone gains when travellers get on their bikes

Cycling has suffered a greater decline than any other form of transport since the horse and carriage. In 1949 cyclists accounted for 37 per cent of all road traffic; last year they constituted a mere 1 per cent. The reason is obvious: many more people now travel by car, making cycling not only less pleasant but more dangerous. The latest figures show, sadly but understandably, that cycle mileage by children fell by more than 40 per cent from 1975 to 1995. Gone are the days when children routinely went off on bike rides, villages were patrolled by bobbies on bicycles, and vicars put on their cycle clips to

begin their pastoral rounds. But this idyll is not altogether lost. Cycling has seen a revival in recent years, encouraged by a new awareness of the health benefits, a change of heart by governments battling against gridlock, and a realisation that cycles, especially in city centres, can be the quickest mode of transport. Significantly, the Department of Transport issued its first set of statistics yesterday on the state of cycling. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, has made no secret of his enthusiasm for two-wheelers, though he has become a little tetchy with the sobriquet "the Bicycling Baronet". But his encouragement

has begun to show up in the statistics. From 1994 to 1995 the number of people cycling to work increased by more than 5 per cent, from 718,000 to 823,000. In the same period there was a slight increase in annual on-road cycle traffic, from 4.4 to 4.5 billion kilometres. Some 38 per cent of households last year owned a bicycle. And the number of fatal road accidents involving cyclists dropped 31 per cent between 1980 and 1990 and then every year until 1995.

Such figures are modestly encouraging. But they do not reveal the enormous way to go before Britain makes full use of the sturdy Victorian invention. By comparison with the Low Countries. Britain makes little provision for cyclists. On the Continent there are networks of urban cycleways, traffic lights are staggered to allow cyclists to get away first, parks are landscaped to accommodate cyclists and public buildings have safe lock-up racks. The cost of encouraging more cycling is small; and anything that reduces the use of cars should qualify not only for millennium money - as commendably was granted for the national cycle network - but Whitehall funds as well.

None of this entitles militant lobbyists to push their case by confrontation with motorists. The absurd demonstration in central London during the Tube strike set back the cause. Cyclists cannot "reclaim the streets": they must accept the limitations that cars impose. What they can do is lobby for safe, separate and imaginative provision.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Has political correctness debased professorships?

From Dr Gillian R. Evans

Sir. In his article. "The title is more than academic" (August 1), on Oxford professorships and others, Professor Roger Scruton says, correctly, that the "named" chairs of Oxford (and Cambridge) have "stood like beacons above the intellectual landscape". But he goes on to confuse post with holder and tells us that those on whom Oxford has now conferred the personal title of professor are automatically to be regarded as being of the second rank in comparison with those who have occupied these prestigious

What has happened is simply that Oxford has caught up with a backlog of the unpromoted. The title of professor has become more commonplace in the swelling university system. Professor Scruton seems to imply that to make it more common in Oxford for Cambridge) is to devalue it further. But where the standard met is as high as it has been in Oxford this year multiplication is not devaluation.

If these titles had been awarded steadily over the years as their new holders reached an appropriate peak of eminence, instead of all at once in a catching-up exercise. Oxford would not now be embarrassed by such ar-

Yours sincerely, G. R. EVANS, University of Cambridge. Faculty of History. West Road, Cambridge. August 1.

From Professor Emeritus John Radford

Sir, Roger Scruton states: "By holding on to the distinction between the university and the polytechnic, our educational system explicitly acknowledged the difference between disinterested learning and the pursuit of

'relevance' ".
That distinction lasted less than 25 years and it was a structural one, concerned with governance, funding and validation. Functionally, both sorts of institution offered virtually the whole range of higher education, from the most "pure" to the most "applied".

Moreover, in their origins as profes-

Influencing sentences

Sir. Lord Donaldson (letter, August 5)

seems to imply that the judges and the

Home Secretary were entitled to take

into account "public revulsion" about

the Bulger case. Mr Jerome Gardner.

in the same issue, uses the expression

"the roar of the mob" in referring to

How do the Home Secretary or the

judges assess such attitudes? Are they

supplied with a summary each day of

newspaper opinion columns or letters

(published and unpublished), or do

they visit pubs and clubs to ask the man in the street? If the children who

killed James Bulger, and also Myra

Hindley, are to be kept in prison for

many years should not a proper

method, perhaps opinion polis, be de-

vised of finding out public opinion?

It is not right that the fate of any-

body who has attracted the interest of

the newspapers should seem to de-

pend on the discretion of the Home

Secretary or judges acting under the influence of those in newspaper offices

who write the comment columns and

decide what letters to print.

Tufton, Clarbeston Road, Dyfed.

Sir, Lord Donaldson explains that the

Court of Appeal criticised the Home

Secretary not for the weighting he at-

tached to "public revulsion at the na-

ture of the crime" but for his "taking

account of organised attempts to influ-

Leaving aside both the circumstan-

ces of the particular case and the sen-

sationalist behaviour of some newspa-

pers, organised attempts to influence

the Home Secretary's judgment are

often no more than a reflection of pub-

lic feeling -- of revulsion or otherwise

- concerning a case. Should no ac-

count be taken of this? Are public peti-

tions, the most obvious and frequently

used organised attempt to influence

opinion, to be discounted by a Home

Secretary as he legitimately weighs

Sir. Your leading article (July 31) criti-

cises the Court of Appeal for its find-

ing that the Home Secretary placed

too much emphasis on public pres-

sure in determining a 15-year tariff for the killers of James Bulger. This is ap-

parently on the premise that the pub-

lic have a right to be heard on indivi-

If this dubious argument is accept-ed, surely the Home Secretary should

have called for the views of those who

those convicted of high-profile offen-

ces are to be sentenced by the "mob".

and it is surely this evil that the Court

Copnor, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

of Appeal has ruled against.

Yours faithfully.

ALAN E. ENGLAND,

166 Hayling Avenue.

Justice does not seem to be served if

considered the tariff to be too high.

the factors bearing on a case?

Yours faithfully.

August 7.

E. A. DAVISON,

12 Redfield Lane, SW5.

dual sentencing issues.

From Mr Alan E. England

Yours faithfully.

August 5.

CHRIS ROWLANDS.

Farthings, Hook Mill.

From Mr Ted Davison

ence his judgment".

From Mr Chris Rowlands

the Myra Hindley case.

sional training schools for law, medi-cine and theology, universities provid-ed precisely relevant learning. A quite modern and arguably false dichotomy between the two has bedevilled educa-tional policy for too long.

Yours faithfully. JOHN RADFORD. University of East London, Department of Psychology. Romford Road, E15 4LZ. August 2.

From Professor Emeritus David Lowenthal

Sir, Roger Scruton blames the debasement of British academic titles on creeping American egalitarianism (feminism, football, political correctness). His own tenure there should have spared Scruton two egregious errors: that every American university teacher is a "professor", and that

every student can get a degree. In fact many, if not most American academics are mere "instructors"; and a much larger proportion of students there fail to gain degrees than in Britain, where little beyond gross moral turpitude can deprive one of at least a

Yours sincerely, DAVID LOWENTHAL, 56 Crown Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. August I.

From Professor J. W. Norris

Sir. I am a titular professor at one of North America's largest universities. Most chairs are awarded on political rather than academic qualifications, and often those of superior academic achievements are passed over in the scramble of petty politics commonly needed to secure a chair.

A titular professorship indepen-dently recognises those who have international academic credentials while allowing those with additional political ambitions to obtain a chair and so, contrary to what Scruton maintains, actually "de-politicises" academic endeavours.

His comment that only those able to tell the difference between first and second-raters will know which Oxford professor "truly deserves the title" is

correct and will not be obfuscated by the imaginary improved status of the political appointment of a chair.

Sincerely yours, JOHN W. NORRIS (Professor of Neurology), University of Toronto. 2075 Bayview Avenue. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

From Professor John L. Bradley

Sir. As one who has held professorial appointments in English literature in both Britain and the United States, I find Professor Scruton's comments on American academe gravely mislead-

In American higher education (as here) there are many poor courses, too many high grades and numerous other educational aberrations stemming from the evils of political correctness and other sources; but to condemn the American system out of hand, as the writer does, simply re-

veals him as inadequately informed. In any event, irreparable educational harm has been done over there and similar damage is well under way

Yours sincerely, J. L. BRADLEY, Church Cottage, Hinton St George, Somerset. August 2.

From Professor Emeritus Peter Gordon

Sir, Roger Scruton claims that "education" (why the quotation marks?) is a new subject in the ranks of the profes-

Perhaps he is unaware that the first two chairs of education in the United Kingdom, at Edinburgh and St Andrews respectively, were established in 1872, and the first chair in England was at Durham in 1895. Scruton's former university (London) appointed its first professor of education in 1902.

Yours faithfully, PETER GORDON (Emeritus Professor of Education), University of London, Institute of Education. 25 Woburn Square, WCI. August 1.

Choice of suitable tribute to Britten

From Mr Peter Shaffer

Sir, What a depressing spectacle Libby Purves describes in her article ("Once Britten, twice shy", July 30) on the row over the proposal to raise a statue of Benjamin Britten in Aldeburgh (letters, July 26, August 2).

No amount of talk about defying tourism, resisting theme-parks or pandering to visitors from Hampstead can alter one shining fact: Britten is probably the greatest composer this country has ever produced - and certainly the only one whose clear natural genius has made it musically respected throughout the world.

Of course this man should have a statue erected to him in the churchyard -- or even the centre of the town he loved so passionately, and from which he loosed such a cataract of great work.

I have to add I find it astounding that the present Master of the Queen's Music, asked for his opinion, should acquaity dismiss Britten as "ephemeral". Surely Peter Grimes, The Turn of the Screw, The Serenade, Les Illuminations and The Holy Sonnets of John Donne constitute acts of creation worthy to be set beside any musical com-

positions of this century.

The opposing local councillors should seriously think again — in terms of national honour, and the rightness of paying homage to rarest gifts. The only real problem might be to find a sculptor equal to that task.

Yours sincerely PETER SHAFFER, c/o Macnaughton Lord Representation Ltd. 200 Fulham Road, SW10.

From Mrs Venetia M. Strong Sir, So the choices available to the citi-

zens of Aldeburgh have either to be a representational statue of Sir Benjamin Britten, or a bird table.

Yours, puzzled From Mr Evan M. Davies

Downes (letter, August 8) in his problem of getting to The Times crossword puzzle before his guests.
I leave the (inevitably) unfinished

puzzle from the previous day on the table and ask for help in completing it. Such is the puzzle solver's belief in his superiority, no one resists the chall-Yours faithfully

EVAN M. DAVIES, 31 Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey.

From Mr Simon Dalgleish Sir. Paul Downes's dilemma was one

I shared until you started publishing The Times on the Internet at the beginning of the year. When possible usurpers are having breakfast with me, I simply download that morning's puzzle and print off the requisite number of copies.

Yours faithfully SIMON DALGLEISH. 20 Standish Road, W6. August 8.

Could they not look to that artistic nation Finland, where, in a park, Sidid abstract sculpture which speaks to you of his achievements? Might 1 sug-

ten's compositions? The birds would be happy, too.

gest a water sculpture to honour Brit-

Yours faithfully, V. M. STRONG, 25 Newstead Way, Wimbledon, SW19. August 3.

From Mr John Waddell

Sir, In the Britten statue shock-horror debate Mrs Tricia MacGuire's suggestion (letter, August 2) of a Peter Grimes statue could indeed placate almost everyone except, perhaps, the Aldeburgh council.

Erect it at the Maltings in Snape where Britten was living when he composed his finest opera, rather than in Aldeburgh - and you would have something approaching a grand

Yours faithfully JOHN WADDELL Snape House, Snape, Suffolk. August 2.

From Mrs Eileen Craine

Sir. I should be glad to know if there already exists, anywhere in this country, a statue to Benjamin Britten, one of our greatest composers. If not, there seems little cause for righteous indig-nation at Aldeburgh's supposed fail-

A bird table or a tree seems to me entirely in keeping with "sleepy little Aldeburgh", which inspired the characters in Peter Grimes, an opera which enthrals the world. I for one hope the town will not be persuaded to change its ways.

Yours faithfully, EILEEN CRAINE. 59a Crawford Street, W1. August 2.

Small is beautiful From Mrs M. Julius

Sir. I sympathise with Mr Paul

Sir, Why the seemingly unstoppable urge towards mammoth-size museums (letter, August 5; report, August 2)? What is wrong with holding works in store for alternative airings? Some museums, the Metropolitan in New York for instance, are now so huge as

The Frick and the Guggenheim in New York, the Wallace in London and the Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid are but a few to illustrate that smaller

I am. Sir. your faithfully, MURIEL JULIUS. 77 Portman Towers, George Street, WI.

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Clues to mystery of the number 31

From Father Robert Ombres, OP

Sir, Professor Raymond Hide (letter, August 3) is puzzled by idiomatic usages of the number 31 in different cul-

I suggest that all the variants in modern Italian using "thirty-one" build on the significance of the 31st as the completing day of the month. The expression trenta e uno, trentuno, so beloved of my Italian father, therefore means to complete, to settle, to add the finishing touch, to bring to an end. Variants on it have also meant to run away, to leave - presumably in the sense that something is over, has been left behind.

My guess is that this root idea explains the other usages mentioned by Professor Hide. The French être sur son trente et un ("to look one's best") builds on the idea of what is complete: the expletive usage amongst Arabs, trianda-ena ("Go away!"), builds on the idea of what is over and done with. As "the last day", thirty-one may also have an ominous ring to it.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT OMBRES, OP, Blackfriars, Oxford OXI 3LY. August 3.

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, I have always understood the idiomatic expression involving 31 to stem from the old card game known in French as trente et un and in English as "one-and-thirty". The object was to hold three cards of the same suit to make a total of 31, the ace counting as II and the court cards ten each. When a player had achieved this, his score was correct and he was "sitting

If his cards totalled 32, he was by contrast "a pip out", a situation alluded to by Shakespeare: "Was it tit for a servant to use his master so; being, perhaps, for aught I see, two-and-thirty, a pip out?" (Taming of the Shrew, Lii.33).

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ROOM, 12 High Street, St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire. August 3.

From Dr Max Prola

Sir. Professor Hide's letter on the ubiquitous appearance of the number 31 in idiomatic expressions delightfully reminded me of one used by my parents. As the language was the Piedmontese dialect of northern Italy, I shall have to render it in Italian: "Hai fatto trenta — fa trentuno." Its literal meaning, "You've done 30, you might as well do 31", was understood to suggest that having completed 30 steps, it would not be very difficult to complete one more.

It was used to encourage one to continue in some endeavour that had come to a halt.

Sincerely, MAX PROLA, The Croft, Ditchfield Lane. High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire. August 4.

Life on Mars

From Dr Jim Swire

Sir, If an impact on Mars splashed meteorites onto Earth, then over geologic time we can be sure that some other impact on Earth long ago splashed Earth material onto Mars. Since simple organisms can survive indefinitely in space, may not the Martian meteorite simply have returned to us fossil evidence of early Earth-life having colonised Mars?

Yours faithfully, ЛМ SWIRE, Caspidge House, Pikes Pool Lane, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. August 8.

From Mr Jodie Forbes-Millott

Sir. Fortunately the discovery relates to one of the simplest life-forms known. The human race is far from ready to deal with the discovery of intelligent alien life.

Yours faithfully, J. FORBES-MILLOTT, 57 Gunterstone Road, W14. August 7.

From Mr Howard Toon

Sir, I noticed today a lichen-like growth on the plastic lid of my dustbin. As this came from the local borough council, is it reasonable to assume that intelligent life exists there? Yours faithfully.

HOWARD TOON, 5 Laburnum Close, Hathern, Loughborough, Leicestershire. August 8.

Life as we know it

From Mr David Himsworth Sir. We read today on your front page

that it is entirely possibly that "something incredibly primitive such as micro-fossils from highly primitive organisms" may have evolved on Mars. If these are what Nasa want to find.

we can save them a long and expensive journey. The answer lies in your report directly below - "Ulster braced for clashes as talks fail".

Yours faithfully. DAVID HIMSWORTH. Hanging Hill Farm, Kennythorpe, Malton, North Yorkshire.

JOHN COGILL



COURT CIRCULAR

HM Yacht Britannia August 8: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this morning visited Outward Bound Eskdale, Eskdale Green, Cumbria.

Reception

British Safety Council

Mr Tim Hooper, of the British Safety Council's Board of Governors, was the host at a reception held yesterday for the International Diploma in Safety Management awards at the Royal Society of Arts.

Barbers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Barbers' Company for the ensuing

Master, Mr Robin Russell Clive Bloomfield Upper Warden, Mr Anthony John Bartley Missen Middle Warden, Lord McColl of Dulwich Renter Warden, Mr George

Grant Macdonald Deputy Master, Professor Donald Barltrop.

Mr D.W. Astor, former chairman, CPRE, 53; Viscount Ban-gor, 48; Sir Philip Beck, former chairman, John Mowlem and Company, 62; Mr M.L. Bourdillon, Lord-Lieutenant of Powys, 72; Major Sir Peter Clarke, royal equerry, 69; Professor Elizabeth Cutter, botanist, 67; Mr Tam Dalyell, MP. 64; Baroness Denington. 89: Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse, Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 73; Mr Jonathan Fry, chief executive, Burmah Castrol, 59; Mr Robin Geldard, former president, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 61: Miss Melanie Griffith, actress, 39; Miss Whitney Houston, singет, 33; Sir Eric Howells, farmer, 63: Sir Alistair Hunter, diplomat, 60; Sir Christopher Laidlaw, company director. 74; Mr Rod Laver, tennis player, 58; Sir Frank Layfield,

Mr James Naughtie, broadcaster, 45; Mr Ashley Page, dancer and choreographer, son, broadcaster, 52: Professor David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor, Bath University, and Hove Health Authority. 63; Lord Young of Dartington.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Isaak Walton, author of The Compleat Angler, Stafford, 1593; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and ca-nal builder, Westerkirk, Dum-fries, 1757; George Payne James, novelist, London, 1799; Joseph Locke, civil engineer, Attercliffe, Yorkshire, 1805; Jean Piaget, child psycholo-Neuchatel, Switzerland, 1896: Solomon, pianist, London 1902; Philip Larkin, poet. Coventry, 1922.

DEATHS: Andrew Combe. physiologist, Edinburgh, 1847; Frederick Marryat, novelist, Langham, Norfolk, 1848; Sir Edward Frankland chemist. Golaa, Norway, 1899; Rug-giero Leoncavallo, composer,

Montecatini Ferme, Italy. 1919; Ernst Haeckel, naturalist, Jena, Germany, 1919; Sir Bernard Partridge, artist and cartoonist, London, 1945; Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist, Montagnold, Switzerland, 1962: Dmitri Shostakovich. composer, Moscow, 1975.

Edward VII was crowned in Westminster Abbey after a sixweek delay due to an emergency appendectomy, 1902. An atomic bomb was dropped

on Nagasaki by the Ameri-Singapore became indepen-

dent. 1965. Gerald Ford became the 37th American President, 1974.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax): Lady Mary Gillian Drew Pcacock, of Petworth, West £899.*2*06 Mrs Olivia Mary Heber-Percy, of Cranbrook, Kent £1,086,255

Mr Murray Walcott Shand, of Sixpenny Handley. Dorset £1,400,882 Constance Iris O'Connor, of

Southampton, Hampshire £669.664

Mary Elizabeth Nancy Oliver, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Intercontinental **Church Society**

The Trustees and Council are glad to announce the appointment of Canon John Moore as International Director in place of Deaconess Patti Schmiegelow who is

College of Law

The College of Law apologises for the following omissions from its Legal Practice Course results pub-lished in *The Times* on August 7: Guildford: Page, T (Commenda-tion). York: Flewitt, J (Com-

Appointment

Mrs Catherine Wilson has been appointed a member of the Muse-ums and Galleries Commission.

Today's birthdays

40: Miss Posy Simmonds, cartoonist, 51: Mr John Simp-54: Sir Mark Weinberg, chair-

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent man, St James's Place Capital. 65; Mr J.V. Wellesley, chair-man. East Sussex, Brighton WHILE Scottish nationalists the naming of Londinium." are distancing themselves In Scotland, Ms Macdonald

Why London is such

a capital name

are distancing themselves from London with plans for devolution and repatriation of the Stone of Scone, a possible Scottish origin for the name of the rejected joint capital of the two kingdoms has been "London" occurs all over

Scotland in various forms, referring to a watery or marshy place on the Thames it could apply to the state of the ancient riverbanks, or to the Pool of London itself. The name Londinium

must have been chosen at a time when the Celtic language known as British was in use from the south of Britain up to the Forth-Clyde line," Jean Macdonald says in London Archaeologist. In the late Iron Age immediately before the Roman Conquest the district seems to have been comparatively backward -- just the sort of place where archaic forms of language might have survived and influenced

says, the place names Lundin and Lundie occur from Fife and Perthshire to Argyll and Cromarty. The late W. J. Wat-son derived both from terms for "a marshy place", and brought up the possible London connection.

Recently, Dr David Bird has suggested that the hypothetical ancient British word lindo, meaning a pool or lake, could describe a tidal lake on the Tharnes.

"The meanings of 'Lundie' and 'Lundin' seem remarkably apt as descriptions of the environs of Londinium," Ms Macdonald says, "Perhaps the time is right for place-name experts to take a fresh look. The case for deriving it from something like lunnd/lunndan appears attractive, but only the philologists can say whether it is feasible."

Source: London Archaeologist Vol. 8 No. 1:10-11.

Irish isles are no longer tranquil as the tourist invasion grows

Visitors prefer pubs to peace and quiet

By Audrey Magee IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MASS tourism is ruining the tranquillity of the Gaelicspeaking Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland and residents are divided over how to deal with the problem.

During the summer, as many as 3,000 people a day arrive on the largest of the three islands, Inishmore, on day trips from Co Galway, clogging the roads with minibuses and overwhelming its population of 730.

Residents and regular visitors to the windswept island, which is nine miles long and two-and-a-half miles wide, complain that the frenzied pace is undermining its ethos and culture.

Inishmore and the other Aran islands, Inishmaan, and Inisheer, are steeped in ancient Irish tradition, archaeology and history. Writers, including James Joyce, visited the islands for periods of reflection and Inishmore is the birthplace of Mairtin O'Direain, Ireland's most

famous Gaelic poet.
Joe Cahill, a retired Limerick pharmacist, has been visiting Inishmore for more than 30 years. He said that few of the modern visitors appreciated the island's cultural heritage and were more interested in filling the harbour's pubs. The romance and tranquillity which first attracted him to



Tourist bikes by the hundred are piled up at Inishmore, where up to 3,000 trippers arrive each day

the island have disappeared, he said. "It is a source of irritation that so many people come. The island now is another holiday venue and nothing more. But formerly it was a source of inspiration.'

The influx, which has been growing steadily since the 1980s, has put great pressure on Inishmore's infrastructure. Congestion on the island's only road has led to the appointment of a second doctor to cope with the increased number of accidents during the summer months. The road has become hazardous for tourists enjoying the traditional pleasures of bicycles and horse and carts as

fleets of minibuses rush day-

trippers around the island and back to the harbour in time for the next boat from Mairtin Fitzpatrick, the

ing are the main sources of come on the island. There are about 30 people making big money out of this island and they are putting nothing back into the place." he said. "The only thing that matters here now is money. There is no culture, only greed. And if you say any-

postmaster on Inishmore.

objecting. Tourism and fish-

aid that many locals feared

The local co-operative will meet this winter to draw up a

thing about it you are a black

The Rev Andrew Doye, Cu-

rate, Surbiton, St Matthew

(Southwark): to be Assistant

Curate, The Bourne, Farnham

The Rev Richard Eyre, Priest-

in-charge, Saxonwell group: now also Rural Dean of

Grantham (Lincoln).
The Rev Keith Fletcher, Vicar,
Haydon Bridge, Priest-incharge, Beltingham w Henshaw, and Rural Dean of

Hexham (Newcastle): to be

Vicar, Ashmanhaugh, Barton

Turf, Beeston St Lawrence,

Horning, Irstead and Neatis-

head, and Prior of St Benet's

The Rev Rod Garner, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Southport to be Vicar of that

The Rev David Gregg, Vicar, Haddenham w Cuddington

and Kingsey and Aston

Sandford: to be Priest-in-

charge, Newton Longville w

Stoke Hammond and Whad-

The Rev Michael Harper,

Curate (NSM), Warren Park,

St Clare: to be Curate (NSM),

Warren Park, St Clare and

Leigh Park, St Francis, held in

plurality (Portsmouth).

Abbey (Norwich).

parish (Liverpool).

don (Oxford).

Church news

Appointments

(Guildford).

plan for toutism on Inishmore. They want a new kind of tourist - people who are interested in the Irish language, literature and history of the islands, and who will stay for longer than a day.

Cathy Ni Ghoill, spokeswoman for the co-operative, said the islanders had lost control of tourism to the mainland, which promotes Inishmore as a day-trip. Many of the tourists buy a £15 round-trip boat ticket from Rossaveel, in Connemara, which takes just 30 minutes, and returns to Galway in the

evening.

Ms Ni Ghoill said the system benefited the main-landers. "I think tourism

The trustees have approved

the following awards to indi-

viduals under schemes admin-

istered by their research

W Spink, MA, Professor of

Music, Royal Holloway, Univ-

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fessor of Church History,

The theology of Heinrich

R K Stott, DPhil. Senior

Lecturer in English Literature.

Anglia Polytechnic University

Victorian Waterworks - Water

Eliot. Tennyson, Dickens,

Clough. Kingsley, Darwin

B G Taylor, DPhil, Senior

Lecturer, University of East

Mary Wollstonecraft and the

Robin W Tucker, PhD, Profes-

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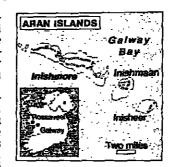
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built up very quickly here and people did not realise what was happening. But there are enough people on the island who know what they want, and I do not think they will let go to the point of

University of Lancaster

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E Thanassoulis, PhD, Senior

Lecturer, University of

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Whiten, PhD, Reader in

Psychology, University of St

Apes' and children's reading

S G Wilson, PhD, Lecturer, 20th century, Courtauld Insti-tute of Art, University of

Intellectual revolution: art and

R L Wokler. DPhil, Reader in

the History of Political

Thought, University of

The Enlightenment project

Details of the other Lever-

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studentships) will be pub-

politics in France, 1958-81.

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Warwick

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Forthcoming marriages

Dr I.M. Cropley
and Miss A.F. Robinson
The engagement is announced
between lan, elder sun of Mr and Mrs J.C. Cropley, of Culcheth, Cheshire, and Alicia, only daugh-

ter of Mr and Mrs B.W. Robinson. of London, SW10. Major S.R. Hall

and Miss B.A. Lucas The engagement is announced between Major Simon Hall, Royal Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs B. Hall, of Hopton Castle, Shrop-shire, and Bridget, daughter of Mr J. Lucas, of Sudbrooke, Lincoln-shire, and Mrs A. Lucas, of Stainfield. Lincolnshire.

Mr J.J. Mantovani and Miss E.K. Rossiter

The engagement is announced between Jonathan James, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Mantovani of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Emily Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Rossiter, of Tickenham, near Bristol.

Mr P.J. Paiba

The engagement is announced between Piers Jonathan, younger son of His Honour Judge Denis Paiba and Mrs Lesley Paiba, of Roehampton, and Samantha, daughter of Mrs Kay Garner, of Twickenham, and Mr Barry

Marriage

Mr M.W.K. Jessop and Miss S.J. Parker

and Miss S.J. Parker
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at Little Thakeham,
West Sussex, between Mr Matthew William Kerr Jessop, son of
Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Jessop, of
Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Sally
Jane Parker, daughter of Sir Eric
and Lady Parker, of Wisborough
Green West Sussex.

Green, West Susser.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Kim Harris, Miss Maia Jessop, Miss Rose Ryan and Joseph Parker. Mr Quinn Jessop, brother of the groom, was best

The reception was held at Crimbourne House and the honeymoon was spent abroad.

University news

Queen's University of Belfast Queen's University has won re-search funding of more than £2,

The latest grants package has come from a number of sources, including the Department of Economic Development's Industrial Research and Technology Unit, government departments, industry, charities, research councils, the international Fund for Ireland and the European Union. The funding is for studies in the university's Faculties of Agriculture and Food Science. Economculture and rood science. Economics and Social Sciences. Education. Engineering. Medicine and Science. The university's Institute of Irish Studies and Institute of Telemedicine and Telecare have also benefited.

The largest slice of the funding package — more than £500,000 — has been awarded to the university's School of Pure and Applied Physics. Medical research at Queen's has benefitted from grants of around £340,000, for a range of projects including studies into cancer, cardiac surgery and mul-

Among other research to receive funding is the work by Dr Tony Gallagher of the School of Eduin Northern Ireland, which has received £28,000 from the Northern Ireland Economic Research

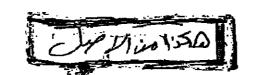
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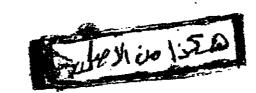
PERSONAL COLUMN

are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in gaith and to possess the kingdom he has premised to those who love him? James 2:5 (RES).	POI G
BIRTHS	
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BARIGER - On 1st August, to Sankla M. (noe Murk lansen) and John H. of Cambridge, a charming daughter, Catherine Eleonora Joy. CARTER - On August 6th, to Lucy (noe Stilles) and Jonathan, a daughter, Lertice Eliza Bose, a sister for	Di Aby ha
Augustus. DATWAMI - On August 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Geeti Hingal-Datwani and Annod Datwani, a beautiful daughter, Diya. DEARDER - On 3rd August 1996. to Jane (née Alexander) and Andrew, a son, Edward John, a brother for Eichard.	jo Ei Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si Si
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OBITUARIES

Ossie Clark, fashion designer, was found stabbed to death in his London home on August 7 aged 54. He was born in Liverpool on June 9, 1942.

OF THAT somewhat unrealistic. frequently silly, yet ultimately en-dearing cultural decade the Sixties, the designer Ossie Clark was one of the great exemplars — and even greater victims. His rise to celebrity had a breathless, feet-off-the-ground quality which was astonishing even by the ephemeral standards of the era. Rock groups rose and fell, fashion models strutted their brief space and disappeared into oblivion and Britain appeared, in a way never quite susceptible of definition, to be leading the English-speaking world to sunlit plateaux where amity. charity, colour and light would reign

Of this pop culture, fashion was the most obviously visible component. And from being a poor relation of the fashion capitals of Europe, London suddenly found itself occupying an unwonted and dizzy eminence. The King's Road, Chelsea, became for a few years the unofficial catwalk for the products of the young fashion designers who were drawn into the vortex of what had become the pop capital of the world. And of these, in the brief years of his fame. Ossie Clark was one of the undisputed

In his designs he aimed straight at the young, and that was the source of his great strength. Although no businessman at all, he seemed instinctively to realise that the Sixties was to be the decade of youth, and he proceeded accordingly. He learnt from the first — and never forgot the lesson — that the essence of design as it is eventually worn is in the cutting. He could sculpt clothes on the bodies of young women as no man had done to that date. (He even claimed to have invented the mini-skirt before Mary Quant.) Women had a love affair with his clothing which persisted even after he had virtually disappeared from view. And the young clothes' horses of the 1980s and 1990s were to be found rummaging through London boutiques in search of those fantastic creations from a vanished decade

The list of names he dressed in the Rixties reads like a roll of everyone who was anyone in that frantic decade: Mick and Bianca Jagger, Marianne Faithfull, Elizabeth Taylor, Patti Boyd, Jean Shrimpton, Jimi **OSSIE CLARK**



Hendrix, David Hockney and Twig-gy, among a host of others. After Clark's first show of pictures in Vogue. Yves Saint Laurent was to be seen moodily stalking the King's Road and shortly afterwards flowered with his own collection of bomber jackets and culottes.

But business was never Clark's forte. The midi-skirt, which he certainly did invent and which was an immense fashion hit in the era of the film Bonnie and Clyde, sold, like the British Motor Corporation's equally popular Morris and Austin Minis. at a price which could never hope to cover the costs of production.

After the adulation of the Sixties came the demands of the much less forgiving Seventies. Soaring inflation tore the heart out of the Clark business and, although his friends staved loval to him, it was clear that he could never again command anything that could realistically be called a market. By the early 1980s he applied mathematics and construc-

was a bankrupt. Latterly, like some indigent fin de siècle Parisian painter, he was paying his bills (to those kind enough to accept such remuneration) with a dress, a blouse or a skirt. Latterly, he had become a totally neglected figure. living alone in a Notting Hill flat. His death ends one of the grimmer stories of the toll exacted by the Sixties from the

brilliant creatures who dominated

Ossie Clark was born Raymond Clark in Liverpool. It was his being evacuated to Oswaldtwistle near the Lancashire-Yorkshire border, where he was brought up, that led to the metamorphosis of his name to its more familiar form. Considered a dunce at school, he failed his II-plus and was sent to a secondary modern school. But this experience, normally the graveyard of aspiration in those days, was the making of him. Geometry, the lower reaches of

tion, normally designed to produce the more modest kind of artificer, were branches of learning he took to effortlessly.

He won a place at Manchester School of Art and soon graduated to fashion design. By that time he was living in Warrington; so utterly entranced did he become with his Manchester course and its teachers that he could hardly tear himself away from the college to get the last train home each night.

From Manchester, Clark went to the Royal College of Art in 1961. Although he could not at that moment know it, he was the spearhead of a wave of talented Northerners who were at that moment invading London, bringing workingclass, vernacular values to bear throughout the whole range of contemporary and pop art. Under Professor Janey Ironside, then head of the fashion school, his talents flourished extraordinarily.

Clark's great strength was his technical knowledge, which enabled him to translate his conceptions into the finished article himself - the hallmark of all truly great designers. In this respect he was streets ahead of pupils from more fashionable schools around London who were, basically, still at the stage of indulging themselves in drawing pictures of pretty garments. The essence of Clark's designs was that they worked. And his ability to drape the human body and make it look good was always afterwards to be his great strength.

He gained the only first-class degree from the Royal College in his year and from that moment the world seemed to be at his feet. With Alice Pollock, who had first bought his designs while he was still a student, he was involved with Quorum, her boutioue which set the pace for the Chelsea-generated look of the period. A technician to his fingertips, one of the two conditions he demanded of this association was that he should have the use of an overlocking machine.

In London he met David Hockney and in 1964 he went off to America with him. There life went into overdrive. With his "funny British accent and long hair" people took him for the Bearle George Harrison. Fast cars, drinks, drugs and so many parties that it became a matter of choosing how many of the score or so on offer in any one evening one might attend, became the order of the day. Astonishingly this did not torpedo his creative talent. He was making striped dresses with electric light bulbs round the collar long before the term Op-Art had been voiced.

His marriage to Celia Birtwell, hom he had first met in his Manchester days when she was a student at Salford Art College, was of the first importance to him. Her fabric designs were germane to their creative partnership. He always dated the decline in his fortunes from the break-up of their relationship, which devastated him. They were divorced in 1975.

Thereafter, though his return to the centre of the fashion stage was periodically and optimistically mooted in the fashion pages, he never really recovered his momentum. But to his friends he always remained a fond memorial to a decade in whose mythology he has an assured place. He is survived by two sons, one of

whom. Albert, was chef at 192, the noted west London restaurant.

FRANK HAWKINS

Frank Hawkins, former chairman of International Stores, died on July 24 aged 91. He was born on August 12,

FRANK HAWKINS walked into a Bracknell estate agents on the eve of the Second World War and inquired if they had any properties to sell. "What exactly did you have in mind, sir?" he was asked. "I'll buy the lot," said Hawkins, thus preparing for the evacuation of 600 International Stores staff from their City headquarters — in fear and anticipation of the Blitz

The company chose Bracknell, then a quiet Berkshire town, because it aiready had a large store there, with space which could be converted into offices. The houses which Hawkins acquired as company secretary were turned into hostels for staff.

Frank Ernest Hawkins was himself a child of the East End. Born in Hackney, the son of a Fleet Street compositor who had worked on several of the country's leading national newspapers, he won a scholarship to Leyton County High School. But he left school at the age of 15 to work for International Stores as a boy clerk at its headquarters in Mitre Square.

He saw it grow into one of the country's biggest grocery chains, with 1,000 shops, a wholesale side and food manufacturing plants. The Star Tea Company in East Anglia and the George Mason shops in the Midlands belonged to the group, which also bought up a large number of privately owned small shops. Hawkins himself moved steadily upwards in headquarters, becoming assistant secretary by the age of 30 and secretary in the following year. As such he was closely involved in the purchase of company property in prime town centre sites throughout the country. He joined the board in 1949, was made managing director in



1956 and chairman three years

Immensely hardworking in his prime, he supervised its move into the era of selfservice as it fought increasing competition in the high street trade, but retired in 1973 after British American Tobacco bought the company. International Stores was later swallowed up by Gateway and its rump is now part of the Somerfield supermarket

Hawkins had once been an amateur actor, also performing in local operatics in his youth. A spare, wiry figure, in those days, he helped to form, together with his wife, an amateur dramatic society while in Bracknell. But ARP duties at night often conflicted with rehearsals. He was not called up into the Services during the war because the importance of food distribution meant that he was in a reserved occupation.

In retirement, and not quite as lean as he had been, he concentrated on reducing his waistline and his golf handicap. Hawkins's wife Muriel, whom he met through the local church where he once sang in the choir, died seven years ago. He then moved from their Wokingham home to Burnham-on-Sea in Somerset, where he died. He is survived by two sons and a

SIR ROBERT LE MASURIER

Sir Robert Le Masurier, DSC, Bailiff of Jersey. aged 82. He was born on December 29, 1913.

AFTER barely six months as Deputy Bailiff in 1962, the premature death of the then Bailiff, Cecil Harrison, propelled Bob Le Masurier into Jersey's top job at the relatively young age of 48.

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Behind him lay a sparkling early career at the Jersey Bar, followed by the Crown appointments of Solicitor-General and Attorney-General -traditionally seen as rungs on the ladder to the Bailiff's post.

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Ahead of him were 12 years as Jersey's civic and judicial head, not only sitting as Chief Justice in the Royal Court, but presiding over its parliament. the States of Jersey. He was in office throughout the successful negotiations which established the Channel Islands' unique relationship with the European Union under Protocol Three of Britain's 1972 Treaty of Accession.

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scholarship from Victoria College to Pembroke College. Oxford, to read law. He also rowed for the college, and took a postgraduate BCL before returning to practise as an advocate on the island. Joining the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in England just before the Second World War, he

lander. Born in St Helier, the intelligence on the enemy based at Lowestoft. from son of a solicitor, he won a strength. But one of the landing craft's engines failed, forcing

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donment of the enterprise. Moved to minesweeping duties in the North Sea, Le escaped the German occupation and soon found himself Masurier won his Distinsought out by naval intelliguished Service Cross in 1942 by defusing a particularly dangerous mine. Two years gence. A plan was devised to land him at night on the island where his local knowledge later, he was promoted lieu-

Robert Hugh Le Masurier and contacts should have en- tenant-commander and given was a dedicated Channel Is- abled him to send back vital command of a minesweeper where he was operating off the Dutch coast when the war ended.

Returning to St Helier and the Jersey Bar, he soon estabthe crew to run the other on full power. The noise was such that it alerted the German lished his reputation as a defences, and as soon as he gifted advocate. A brilliant wit stepped ashore, a battery of with a lifelong appetite for searchlights forced the abandebate, he attracted outside attention - leading to his appointment as Solicitor-General in 1955, Attorney-General in 1958, and Deputy Bailiff

four years later.

As Bailiff he oversaw the EU talks, accompanying a specially convened States committee to Whitehall - although he played little part in the substantive negotiations. As a result, he was able to retire in 1974, secure in the knowledge that Jersey was to enjoy most of the benefits proffered by the Common Market without incurring many disadvantages. Its fiscal freedoms and residential restrictions, for example, were to

remain in place. He opted to leave the post early in order to enjoy an active retirement. This includ-ed indulging his lifelong passion for sailing around the British, French and Irish coasts. He also crewed for others in ocean races, doubling up as cook. He was said to have a cast-iron stomach and was never seasick.

If sailing was his principal recreation, carpentry came close behind. He fitted out all his own boats, painstakingly perfecting the galley, or making chart tables.
While being a bon viveur

and a connoisseur of claret, he was wholly without pretence. A short, stocky man, he drove



himself to functions in a small car or walked there, chatting to passers-by on the way. He did not entirely bow out

of public life. He chaired an inquiry into Jersey's honorary police force, and wrote extensively to the local press. He vehemently opposed a propos-al to build a casino on the island, and fought to preserve Jersey's green zones against developers. It was his wit and sense of

humour (sometimes barbed) which were the qualities most people will remember. They helped him to build up a reputation as Jersey's best after-dinner speaker. But he was also extremely well read, and researched all his speeches assiduously in advance.

Bob Le Masurier is survived by his wife Helen, whom he met when she came to Jersey as nurse for his elder sister's children, and by a son and two daughters.

SIR RODNEY SWISS

Sir Rodney Swiss, OBE, dentist, died on July ii aged 91. He was born on August 4, 1904.

AFTER a long career as a dental surgeon. Rodney Swiss retired at the age of 65. As his years of practice were gradually exceeded by those as a pensioner, he used to joke that he was a financial liability to his profession. But in reality he proved a great asset to his

colleagues, involving himself

actively in dental politics. He was a member of the General Dental Council for more than 20 years and served as its chairman, 1974-79. He was also president of the British Dental Association in 1971. Negotiating firmly but always courteously for his colleagues, he upheld the values and high standards of a profession of which he was extrememly proud. He was appointed OBE in 1964 and

was knighted in 1975. Rodney Geoffrey Swiss was born in Devonport, Plymouth, where his father ran a family business of printers and stationers. He was educated at Plymouth College and Dean Close School, Cheltenham. But he was a man of independent mind and, on completing his education, he decided against going into the family business and went instead to Guy's Hospital Dental School. He qualified as a dental

surgeon in 1926. After holding locums in Aberystwyth, Oxford and High Wycombe, in 1930 he took up practice in Harrow. where he was to remain for almost forty years. During most of this time he was also honorary dental surgeon at Harrow Hospital.

In 1948, with the formation of the National Health Service, he became secretary of the Middlesex Local Dental

Committee. In 1952 he was elected to the representative board of the British Dental Association, and then to its council. He was its president in 1971. When his younger brother, Kenneth, became president in 1982, he duly attended the formal opening session which was addressed as usual by the then Minister of Health, Kenneth Clarke. That is the 17th Minister of Health I have heard give that speech," Rodney declared.

Aside from his professional commitments, Swiss also found time to serve as a JP, being appointed in 1949 for the Gore Division of Middlesex which sat at Hendon and Harrow. He held strong views on standards of personal behaviour and deplored the increase of violence. From 1959 to 1964 he served as chairman of the juvenile court. He was chairman of the bench, 1965-67, and again, 1970-74.

Swiss was a supporter of Plymouth Argyle Football Club, whose erratic fortunes he followed with amused exasperation. More peacefully, he was a philatelist.

He married Muriel Gledhill in 1928. She predeceased him in 1985. They had no children.



(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.) The new dress models for autumn and winter wear are now being shown, and, although it is not yet possible to say which of them will be popularly accepted, each calls for appreciation or criticism as an artistic creation. The buyers look at them with imperturbable faces and show little enthuslasm even when pleased enough to purchase.
Their criticism, if unkind, is less carefully concealed, and it is obvious that they do not

like the prices, which are high, perhaps higher

PARIS FASHIONS.

SOME AUTUMN DESIGNS.

There is, so far, nothing startlingly new in line or style. Tailor-mades show slim skirts. some quite short, some longer, with rather long slim coats which fold over unevenly in front and have waist-belts or folds carelessly and loosely draped. The collars are high and closely folded round the chin, covering the mouth, and a toque is worn on the head. The effect is neat, youthful and simple. A plain dark blue serge with a musquash collar and cuffs and a toque of the same for with a bunch of flowers over the right ear. A soft flat mulf

was carried, not too large, but larger than the fashionable muff of last year. A three-piece suit was made in black and

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Occasional fashion notes can be found in early 9th-century papers, but it was not until Lord Northcliffe became proprietor that fashion was given a regular column, with the aim of increasing female readership and attracting advertising.

yellow plaid—the straight little frock with short sleeves and lightly-folded waist, but-toned down the back. It was yellow with a light black plaid, whereas the coat, rather long, with high collar, was in black with yellow plaid. The use of plaids and stripes is less obvious in some collections than others, but there is no doubt as to their being in favour with the majority of dressmakers. Well worn they are smart and striking, but some women are quite incapable of carrying them with the necessary assurance, in which case they are wise to leave them aside. After all, personal character and taste in dress should, and does, count, for what

one woman can wear well another woman cannot. Every woman must look at bold plaids and stripes with intelligent criticism before she

long or short sleeves and high or open necks. For occasions of some ceremony they are decidedly complicated because of the draperies and embroideries. For evening wear they are frankly splendid. The most beautiful materials are used and in brilliant colours. Fur cloaks and coats add luxury to luxury and supply warmth; and pearls are worn with almost too great a recklessness: ropes of them flow over velvet and lace or cover bare shoulders and

The women who make of dress a fine art are insisting more than ever this season on complete harmony of detail. A dress or a costume must have its carefully-chosen "fit-tings." Hat, muff, gloves, shoes and stockings, jewels, hand-bag, even handkerchief, must be in keeping. It is not enough to be well dressed in the minds of these chosen few; it is necessary to be dressed to perfection, such luxury is, necessarily, confined to a small minority; the majority may only follow their fashions according to the time and money they have at

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NEWS

Woman killed as trains collide

A woman was killed last night and up to 100 people were injured, 27 of them seriously, when a commuter train with more than 400 passengers on board ploughed into an empty train near Watford Junction.

Both trains shot into the air and overhead cables were torn down. The ambulance service said seven passengers freed from the wreckage had life-threatening injuries. The crash was the worst since the privatisation of British Rail

Flash flood kills 100 at campsite

At least a hundred holidaymakers were feared dead and 200 were injured after a river burst its banks in torrential rain. hurling an avalanche of water, mud and rock over a crowded campsite near Biescas in the Spanish Pyrenees. A medical officer said it was a scene out of Dante... Pages 1, 3

Ossie Clark dies

The boyfriend of the flamboyant Sixties fashion designer Ossie Clark has been charged with his murder. Clark was found stabbed to death in his west London coun-.. Pages I, 5. 19

Blair-Short truce

Tony Blair and Clare Short sealed an uneasy truce as the Labour leadership struggled to contain the fallout from her attack on his style of running the Pages 1, 4

Hospital explains

Queen Charlotte's Hospital, which is at the centre of the selective abortion dispute, said that the newspaper which broke the story knew the operation had already taken placePage 2

Political gifts

Political parties would be forced to declare the source of all donations of more than £5,000 under laws announced by the LabourPage 2

Rothschild inquest

Amschel Rothschild, the heir to the banking dynasty, committed suicide after becoming depressed by the death of his mother, an inquest was toldPage 5

Josephine recovers

Josephine Russell, nine, who was left for dead after her mother and sister's murder while walking home in Kent. is making a remarkable recoveryPage 7

Farmer cleared

A farmer cleared of causing grievous bodily harm to a burglar he shot said householders should be able to protect their homes from thieves who came in the night like "packs of rats"...

Roman Britain

Colchester, with its echoes of Boudicca, was at the very heart of Roman Britain for two centuries: the baths at Aquae Sulis form the most popular museum in Britain outside London...

More Mars research

The scientists who say they have found evidence of life on Mars plan a new series of experiments to substantiate their claims. They will be looking for cell walls and amino acids......Pages 10, 17

Hezbollah bombed

Israeli jets bombed Hezbollah positions near Baalbek hours after Damascus had rejected an Israeli proposal to resume peace

Grozny clash

Russian army units clawed their way back into Grozny under sustained attack from Chechen rebels. Both sides claimed they controlled the city...... Page 12

Dole reprieved

Bob Dole has averted a damaging battle over abortion at next week's Republican convention, but hardline social conservatives now control the party Page 13

Rector rolls out the barrel

The Rev Godfrey Broster, rector of three churches in East Sussex, has started his own brewery to boost church funds. Rector's Pleasure, Rector's Revenge and Parson's Porter went down so well at the Lewes beer festival that by the end of the year he expects to be able to fund £18,000 of restoration work and still have £2,000 left over for future work ...



The audience watching Royal River, a 1951 3D film at the National Film Theatre, which has a season of 3D films in September

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Retail sales: The surge continued last month, according to the CBI. which recorded its second largest monthly jump in high street spending since January 1990 Page 21

Phoneboxes: BT will take on its biggest phonebox rival in the High Court over plans by New World Payphones to adopt the traditional red phonebox...Page 21 Selling out The Rank Organis-

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SPORT

Cricket: Ijaz Ahmed scored a splendid century as Pakistan collected 281 for six by the close on the first day of the second Test against England at Headingley Page 40

Football: The Football League has warned the Professional Footballers' Association that they will consider taking legal action if players go ahead with a threat to take strike Page 34

Equestrianism: Mark Phillips, who guided the United States's three-day event team to a silver medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, may manage the British ... Page 37

Golf: Eight birdies in the opening round helped to keep Nick Faldo right in touch in the US PGA Championship... Pages 38, 40

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Art down under: This year's Sydney Biennale, titled Jurassic Technologies Revenant, shows a diverse selection of works from 46 of the world's most celebrated contemporary artists Page 29

Healing harmonies: Britten, Vivaldi and Mozart were among the offerings of the London Mozart Players on their recent cultural healing trip to Sarajevo Page 29 Welsh feast: The National Eistedd-

fod celebrates the best of Welsh language and culture with a weeklong festival in Llandeilo.. Page 30 Pop on Friday: The debut solo effort by drum'n bass star Alex Reece looks set for success, as does the latest album from Tom Petty. Meanwhile, two new biographies dish the dirt on Oasis Page 31

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MYSTERY MEN

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FEATURES

Better off dead?: David Dimbleby tells the story of the woman who wanted advice on helping her husband to die - and started a family row

Valerie Grove talks to Tim Waterstone about his idea for luxury children's shops which will sell not only books but toys, clothes and ice-cream

The life of Mars: No one knows if there is any life left in the founder of the chocolate bar Page 15

Teaching Bahasa: Industry is backing a plan by a Buckinghamshire school for Europe's first centre to teach the language spoken in Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and parts of Thailand Page 32

EDUCATION

Dearing is in Australia looking for a future model for British higher education. Will he decide that students here should pay?.....Page 32 Daunting tasic: The school at Great Ormond Street children's hospital teaches patients of all ages from all over the world

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light of the claim that evidence of primitive life has been detected in a rock that fell from Mars. But given the intergalactic speed with which science has advanced in this century. it would be prudent to hold the - The New York Times

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Poor Clare

Clare Short's comments will win her no sympathy from those working to secure a Labour victory. But they may earn her the gratitude of the voting public, for exposing the divisions within Labour Page 17

Doleful prospect

The rancour over abortion is more damaging to the Republicans than to the Democrats because it challenges Republican reluctance to bring the State into private ..Page 17 decisions.....

Virtuous cycle

Cycling has seen a revival, encouraged by a new awareness of the health benefits, a change of heart by governments and a realisation that cycles in cities can be the quickest mode of transport.......Page 17 ien 101
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For my money, Blair has certainly over-egged the pudding in never losing an opportunity to suggest that he is the natural heir to Margaret Thatcher. But at least I can see - or at least I hope I can see why he does itPage 16

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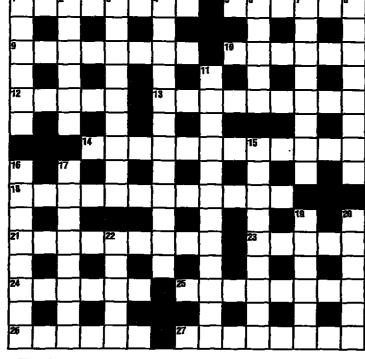
God delights in odd numbers. For so say Virgil, Shakespeare and others with a more direct G-mail than the rest of us. But what is the mystery of 31? **BERNARD LEVIN**

"He was my hero. He still is. He will remain one of the greatest men of our time." The man in question was Adolf Hitler, and the man who said this was François Genoud, a rich Swiss banker, who died a few weeks ago.

Ossie Clark, fashion designer; Sir Robert Le Masurier, Bailiff of Jersey: Sir Rodney Swiss, dentist: Frank Hawkins, former chairman of International Stores Page 19

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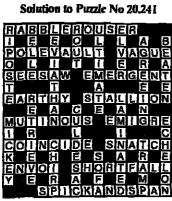
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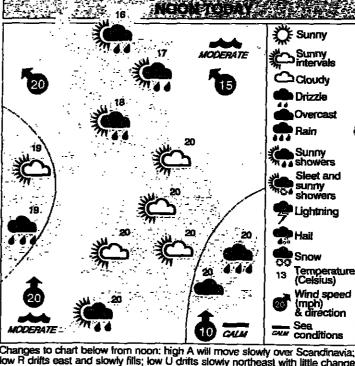
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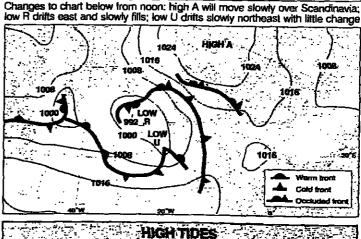
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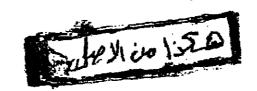
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Refuge and United to merge

New round of job losses as insurers unite

By Marianne Curphey

REFUGE Assurance and United Friendly announced yesterday that they are to merge, causing the loss of up to 1,800 staff - a quarter of the workforce — and the closure of 100 branches. There was good news, however, for policyholders and shareholders of both companies, who will benefit from windfall borruses.

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The new wave of job losses comes just three months after Royal & Sun Alliance an-nounced 5,000 jobs would go following the merger of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance.

United Friendly's London head office, which has a workforce of 650, will move to Wilmslow, Cheshire, where Refuge is based.

Yesterday's announcement was technically a takeover bid for United Friendly by Refuge. The new company will be called United Assurance. Leaders of the Manufacturing, Science, and Finance Union (MSF) condemned both sult staff, and said that the union was "determined to are entitled to Ell million, negotiate to avoid compulsory

redundancies". Shares in United Friendly soared by 105p, to 839p, when the company revealed a £145 million surplus, known as Investment Fluctuation Provision, in its life fund, which may be paid to shareholders.

Refuge's share price fell 22p. to 408p, after it announced that it had identified £430 million in surplus funds,

which the Department of Trade and Industry had agreed belonged to shareholders, way below some City expectations of £650-£800 million. The funds will remain untouched for five years but

million interest annually. This enabled Refuge to increase its net interim dividend by 35 per cent, to 5.4p per share. United Friendly is increasing its interim dividend by 53 per cent, to 11.2p net. The board of United Assurance will recommend a net final dividend, for the year ending December 31, of 12.6p per

will generate an estimated £40

United Assurance share and a progressive dividend policy.
Extra windfall bonuses will also be paid to Refuge policy-holders and shareholders because of the restructuring. Refuge has set asidea further £112 million from in the life fund, which can be redistributed. One million policyholders qualify to share in a £101 million special bonus as com-

Shareholders, meanwhile, which will be paid into the reserves. A Refuge customer with a 10-year industrial branch endowment policy taken out in 1988 with a sum assured of £5,000 will be

allocated an extra £244. The special bonus will be added automatically to withprofit policies taken out before August 8 and will be payable when they mature.

Following the merger, Ref-

uge shareholders will hold approximately 47 per cent and United Friendly shareholders approximately 53 per cent of United Assurance shares.

John Cudworth, chief executive of Refuge, will become non-executive chairman of United Assurance, and George Mack, group finance director and deputy chief exec-utive of United Friendly, will become group chief executive.

Both Refuge and United Friendly have been criticised by Money Management, the investment magazine, for the poor performance of a number of their funds,

United Assurance will be the fourth-largest insurance company in the home service sector, which involves collecting monthly contributions from policyholders. With combined net life premiums last year of £445 million, it lies behind Prudential with £2.9 billion. CIS with 1908 million. and Pearl with £741 million.

The merging companies £1.5 billion, with 279 branches before closures, 6.6 million policies issued and £6.5 billion in assets under management. Shares in Britannic, which

is awaiting a decision from the DTI over the redistribution of its own orphan assets, rose strongly yesterday. London & Manchester rose on speculation that it would be the next takeover target.

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Bags of growth: official figures yesterday confirm the upward trend in spending

Boom in retail sales holds up in July

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE boom in retail sales continued last month, with new data published today pointing to the second largest monthly jump in high street spending since January 1990.

About 43 per cent of retailers enjoyed a rise in sales in July, according to the CBI's distributive trades survey, only marginally down from June's record 45 per cent.

The CBI said that the survey

shows high street sales well ahead of expected levels at this time of year, with retailers expecting an even stronger performance this month. Grocers and booksellers re-

ported the biggest jump in sales while there was also some growth in sectors, such as DIY, which are linked to housing market. But the confectionery, tobacco and newspaper retailers and off-licences all reported a flat month.

The CBI survey provides a snapshot of retail sales but has tended in recent months to show stronger growth than that recorded in the retail sales figures compiled by the Office for National Statistics.

Detailed figures produced by the Bank of England yesterday lend support to the steady rise in consumer spending. individuals increased by £3.6 billion in the second quarter. well ahead of the rise in the previous quarter. Consumer credit rose £2 billion, the largest increase since the second quarter of 1989.

□ Wall Street largely shrugged off data that showed the US job market was still in rude health. Initial unemploy-ment claims rose to 318,000 from 294,000 in the week ended August 3, against market expectations of 323,000.

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Funding for the Investors Compensation Scheme, the investors who lose money through bad advice or theft, could soon be boosted by up to £50 million. A consultation paper was published yesterday. Page 22

Cable talks

TeleWest Communications and Nynex CableComms. Britain's largest cable operators, are believed to be holding talks on a merger. Page 23

Reed Elsevier in £100m deal

By Eric Reguly

REED ELSEVIER, the publishing group, yesterday ex-panded its legal publishing business with the E100 million cash purchase of Tolley from United News & Media and said it is still in position to make acquisitions worth E2 billion or more in America and Europe.

Reed, owned equally by Reed International of Britain and Elsevier of The Netherlands, wants to keep growing in the legal, business. travel and scientific publishing markets. It downplayed speculation that it is considering a bid for Pearson because most of Pearson's businesses, which include TV production. theme parks and computer games, do not fit its invest-

Tolley supplies information and commentary to the legal, tax and business markets in Britain. Nigel Stapleton, Reed's co-chairman, said that Tolley would go well with Reed's Butterworths division. Britain's largest legal publish-er. Most of Tolley's 200 em-ployees, he said, would

survive the takeover. Reed reported a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £416 million, in the half year to June 30, on turnover of £1.7 billion, up 7 per cent.

Reed Interntional is to pay an interim dividend of 8.25p, up 10 per cent, while Elsevier's dividend rises 11 per cent to 0.20 guilders. Reed International shares closed at £11.45, down 5p.

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Police and SFO raid Facia sites

BY ROBERT MULER

OFFICERS of the Serious Fraud Office and South Yorkshire police yesterday swooped on offices connected with Facia, the failed privately-owned retail group headed by Stephen Hinchliffe, the Sheffield

The raids, on five premises associated with Facia in Sheffield and central London, were led by Gordon Dickinson, an SFÓ assistant director, and De-tective Chief-Inspector Alan Timms, of the South Yorkshire police, who formally referred the case to the SFO on August I. David Morrison, an SFO forensic accountant, was also involved. A police source said docuTHE Rank Organisation is looking to sell its remaining stake in Rank Xerox, the copier company, early next year — a move likely to realise more than El billion. The leisure company announced its plans with a major review that will also result in the sale of about £300 million worth of

Andrew Teare, chief execu-

versal Studios theme parks. The City was also confused by the complex restatement of Rank's interim figures, which made judging the company's performance difficult. Half year pre-tax profits fell from £444 million to £128 million due to the sale of part of the Xerox stake last year and accounting changes, although operating profits excluding exceptionals increased 12 per

charge for restructuring into four major divisions - film and entertainment services, Hard Rock, holidays and recreation - under the control of a new holding company

By Alasdair Murray

non-core businesses.

tive, said the company was determined to create a themed leisure and entertainment business, led by flagship brands such as the Hard Rock restaurant chain and Odeon cinemas. But the shares fell 27p to 441p. Analysts criticised the strategic review for not producing many new ideas and expressed concern about Rank's investment in the Unicent to £92 million. Rank will take a £25 million

called Rank Group.

Rank plans sale of rest of Xerox

BT wants court to cut off call-box rival

ments and other material

had been seized for analysis.



A New World phone-box

phone-box rival in the High Court today. The telecommunications giant has its wires crossed with New World Payphones, the British company that plans to adopt the traditional red phone-box for its own use.

BT WILL take on its biggest

Last Tuesday, BT issued an interlocutory injunction to pre-vent use of the traditional phone boxes by New World. According to Richard Thompson, New World's managing director: "The K6 design is the only one councils across the UK will allow in conservation areas. BT are trying to prevent us from competing in these

So far. New World has bought 60 of the original

By Morag Preston phone-boxes to be positioned

in Westminister later this month, but more are on order from Rainham-based Unicorn Restoration, priced at several thousand pounds each.

About 15,000 traditional red

phone-boxes are currently available for use by BT customers across the UK. According to a BT spokeswoman: We welcome competition, but the Ko design is extremely distinctive. The phone-boxes are widely recognised by the public as belonging to BT, and we don't want to confuse people." The Jubilee Kiosk that has been used both to house plants and as a shower. was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to celebrate 25

years of King George V.

The battle comes only weeks after New World launched its own red and yellow phone-

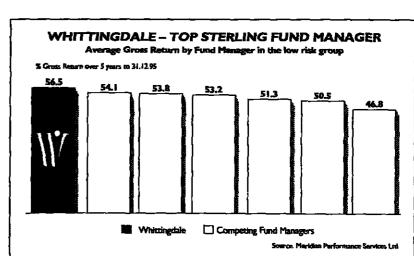
Built in Dorset, the bespoke boxes started out in Blackburn and will be on the streets of London within a few days. TeleWest, the largest cable operator in the UK, is also on the search for the traditional red phone-box to paint in the company's green, and set up as a marketing tool. The green booths will be set

up where TeleWest has a concentration of cable users. and callers will be able to make full use of them. According to TeleWest: "We do not have any plans for the roll-out of public telephone boxes at



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Board pay is up 7%, says survey

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BOARDROOM pay continued to march ahead of inflation last year as directors' pay rose by 7 per cent. Full-time chairmen and chief executives lagged subordinates in the size of their rises, receiving average increases of 4.5 per cent in their pay, according to the Monks Partnership's annual study of

directors' remuneration. Salary rises of the toppaid directors are on a downward trend. The previous year's study found that chairmen and chief executives in industrial and commercial companies had their salaries boosted by 5.7 per cent. It is the first year that the study has covered the range of main directors, so there is no comparision for them in the previous year.

The study, detailing pay in FT-SE 100 companies. found that the typical an-nual bonus paid to top management was 25 per cent of salary. Chief executives beat this. with an average of 27 per cent. Only 17 per cent of chief executives who were eligible for a bonus did not receive one last year. However, the actual average for bonuses is short of the typical maximum bonus ratified by companies. which runs hetween 40 and 60 per cent of salary.

A year after the Greenbury report on executive pay. Monks found that 29 companies have abolished share options for main board directors. However, three guarters of the companies will soon have arrangements for alternative incentive packages, such as the controversial longterm incentive plan.

Engineering companies paid their directors the highest salary increases, with an average of 9.1 per cent. David Atkins, author of the report, said that this was in line with growing confidence in the sector.

The minerals, oil and gas industries recorded the ighest sectoral increase in full pay packages, at 15.1



John Morgan, chief executive, has seen his company defy the trend in the construction industry with a 77 per cent increase in pre-tax profits

Investor compensation to gain from £50m pool

By ROBERT MILLER

FUNDING for the investors Compensation Scheme (ICS), the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, could soon be boosted by up to £50 million.

A consultation paper pub-lished yesterday by the Inde-pendent Financial Advisers (IFA) Association, which represents more than 2,200 firms and 6,500 individuals, called for the concept of pre-funding to be extended beyond that already accepted by City

This year, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the regulator for firms selling direct to the public, announced that ES million would be raised in addition to whatever the ICS bill was.

attempt to net Goldsborough,

Last year, the ICS, which has hitherto been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, paid out a record £25.5 million, bringing the total amount of compensation awarded since 1988 to more than £100 million. The Treasury was forced to provide an emergency line of credit worth £17 million after the PIA was faced with a legal challenge over its powers to

Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association said yesterday that advisers could pay a predetermined percentage of the commission they earned on the sale of financial products into a pool administered by an new IFA council. The £50 million compensa-

tion pot would be built up over three years, said Mr Heath,

raise money to fund the ICS.

and if they were fewer that expected claims there could be a moratorium on contributions for a year or so. Mr Heath said: "We are

launching this consultation exercise in the hope that we can bring an end to the uncertainty of regulatory and compensation costs in the IFA sector. This is as much in the interests of the consumer as it is beneficial for the future health and growth of the IFA sector." Mr Heath added that the new fund would include money for promoting the concept of independent financial advice to a far wider audience. Mr Heath said: "We are

pendent financial advice.

In a separate move, the IFA Association also announced a new initiative to speed up the personal pensions mis-selling review as it relates to its members. Operation Snapshot, said Mr Heath, has been also proposing that the new fund would include money for designed to "indentify and solve problems currently expepromoting the concept of inderienced by IFAs."

"We believe that such pro-motion, which has to date been limited in its scope by the

resources available, needs to

move up a gear to sustain the increase in IFA's share of the

financial services market and

to communicate the benefits of

independent advice to a still

wider audience. We believe

that this plan offers a major

opportunity for LFAs to secure

their future through afford-

Record rise at Morgan Sindall

MORGAN SINDALL, the construction group, continues to defy difficult conditions in the industry with a record performance at the half year Clare Stewart writes).

Pre-tax profits leapt 77 per cent to 52.22 million in the six months to June 30 on turnover up from £78 million to £113 million.

John Morgan, chief executive, said the company's main litting-out business continues to be buoyant, and a focus on margins has helped to lift profits by £48L000 to £1.8 nillion. The group also reports improved profits and turnover from its regional contracting business, where profits rose to £479,000 on turnover up 46 per

cent to £28 million. Peel Hunt, house broker. has upgraded its full year forecast to £4.7 million pre-tax with earnings of 11.7p. The interim dividend rises from 0.85p to 1.35p. Shares ended Ip lower at 149p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

British Gas silent on talks with oil groups

BRITISH GAS refused to confirm that progress has been made on negotiations with oil companies over its \$40 billion exposure to high-price, take-or-pay gas contracts. Large oil companies also refused to comment on the talks, in which British Gas is expected to have to offer substantial inducements in order to reduce the volume and price of gas for which it has long-term contracts.

British Gas may offer access to its infrastructure to some large players that want to enter the domestic gas market. Cooperation with those coming into the newly opened household gas market could help to negonate down large contracts that mean that British Gas must buy fuel at prices higher than those it can sell at. Privately, many oil companies said that their take-or-pay negotiations with British Gas were likely to continue for some time. British Gas is under pressure to deliver good news to shareholders as it faces a tough pricing review on its pipelines business and more customer complaints.

Disposals boost Willis

WILLIS CORROON GROUP, the international insurance broker, unveiled a 6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £70.6 million for the six months to June 30. The figure was boosted by £2.4 million from the disposal of non-core businesses. Brokerage and fees were increased 2 per cent to £365.2 million and earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 10.7p. The interim dividend per share is unchanged at 3.3p a share and will be paid on October 1. The group said that there was no compelling reason to consider merging with

BCCI extradition move

SYED AKBAR, former BCCI treasurer sought for alleged blackmail by extorting \$15 million from the collapsed bank after threatening to reveal corruption before the collapse, was recommended for extradition to the US yesterday. Magistrates at Bow Street. London, had previously allowed an application from lawyers for Akbar to withdraw a "waiver" he signed at the court in March consenting to his removal to America. The Secretary of State has now to approve the extradition. Akbar served three years of a six-year sentence for fraud in this country.

Coutts lifted by Europe

SUCCESS IN Europe helped Coutts, the international recruitment consultancy, to return record results for the six months to June 30. Profits generated in continental Europe rose by 67 per cent, to £591,000, in the period, offsetting losses of £257.000 from its Japanese outfit. Courts said that its Tokyo office was unlikely to turn out a profit for the year as a whole. Group pre-tax profits more than doubled to £1.52 million (£716,000), on sales which grew 22 per cent, to £19.8 million. The interim dividend is 0.75p (0.6p), due on September 20. Earnings per share grew 0.9p, to 1.54p.

Thyssen denies fraud

THYSSEN will contest allegations of fraud made against five of its staff after the Berlin prosecutors' office said it had arrested five managers from the German steel and engineering group and Metallurgiehandel, the east German metal export business, on suspicion that they caused DM73 million of damages to Treuhand, the privatisation agency, when Metallurgie was sold. Thyssen bought Metallurgie irom Treuhand shortly after reunification. Thyssen said an original investigation into the allegations had been closed in October 1993 and it did not understand why the case had been reopened.

S African bank rate held

CHRIS STALS, governor of the South African central bank, ruled out an immediate rise in the bank rate to bolster the fragile rand yesterday but said he was concerned at the currency's volatility. "We certainly don't intend to increase the bank rate today," he said in response to market speculation that an increase in the rate - now at 16 per cent was imminent. The rand had been helped yesterday by expectations of an increase in the bank rate of up to two

Brancote in mines deal

SHARES IN Brancote Holdings, the AIM-listed mining company, rose 9p to 60p yesterday after it secured a joint venture with Ontario, a Canadian mining company, on two Nevada silver and gold mines. The Jefferson Canyon mine has reserves of 15.5 million ounces of silver and 73,000 ounces of gold, while the mine in Wonder contains 22 million ounces of silver and 173,000 ounces of gold. Brancote is managing the project, but put up none of the funding. It is to receive between 0.5 per cent to 2 per cent of the smelter royalties.

McKechnie buys Dzus

MCKECHNIE, the plastics and metal components group, has bought Dzus International, a producer of specialist fastening devices, for £15.25 million, funding the acquisition through placings of £35.9 million. McKechnie, which has spent £65 million on acquisitions since January, said the move should restore its post-Dzus gearing to around 50 per cent, allowing it to stay on the acquisition trail. It forecast a final dividend of 12p per share for the year to July 31, which would lift the year's total by 1.5p to 18p.

Co-Op funds pit centre

THE £5,000 visitor's centre that will open at Tower Colliery today is being financed by the Co-Op Bank. The bank has been involved with the colliery since 1994, when 101 miners were awarded personal loans worth a total of £000,000 to enable them to buy a share in the pit. Under the miners' ownership since January 1995, the pit is now trading successfully.

Meanwhile, the Point of Ayr mine in North Wales is due to end coal production today and miners have until the end of the month to decide whether to buy their pit for £1.2m.

Westminster may | Irish futures | renew bid for rival to be closed

By Fraser Nelson

WESTMINSTER Healthcare, which tabled a failed takeover attempt for Goldsborough Health Care in July, has decided to keep the 9.1 per cent stake in its rival which it gained during its £70.5 million hostile bid.

Westminster's decision to hold on to the shareholding was seen by analysts as a hint that it may make a second

Wyko pays £15m for expansion

WYKO, the engineering group, is to become the first company to offer both supply and maintenance of power transmission components on a nationwide basis, after buying Berl and Lewis Electric. the mechanical repair groups, for £15.2 million.

The deal will take Wyko's share of the power transmission maintenance market from 1.5 to 12 per cent, and is expected to generate extra sales of £30 million. Berl and Lewis have 24 maintenance centres. A £19.9 million rights issue, which will finance the deal. offers one new share for three at 123p each. The shares rose 5p to 155p yesterday.

Wyko, which was on the brink of collapse in 1994 with losses of £4.16 million, returned record results yesterday, lifting pretax profits from £1.66 million to £5.07 million in the year to April 30.

After acquisitions raised the number of the group's outlets from 75 to 91, sales advanced to £85.9 million (£59.6 million). lifting earnings 134 per cent, to 6.8p. The group is paying a final 1.25p (0.75p) per share dividend on October 25. making a total dividend of 2.25p, up 80 per cent.

exchange

after its first takeover attempt was narrowly thwarted by Westminster has already close for lack of business.

made paper losses of £1.6 million on the shareholding, bought for £6.92 million when Goldsborough shares were at 173p; the shares now stand at Westminster, which turned in its full-year results yester-

day, said that the bid had run up underwriting and legal expenses of £2.7 million, which will be recorded as an Fergus Sheridan, acting exceptional in its current financial year. In the year to May 31, the group lifted its pre-tax profits

contribution from two earlieracquisitions. The group became the biggest name in brain injury rehabilitation in December after buying the Highbank Group for £6.5 million. In November, it bought Peverel. Britain's largest sheltered

by 27 per cent — to £17.6 million — after a £1.04 million

housing manufacturer, for E45.8 million. The group is paying a final dividend of 3.65p on October 3. This increases the total for the year to 6p, from 5.2p. Earnings rose to 23.5p per

share, from 21.8p.

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

AFTER only seven years' operation, the Irish Futures and Options Exchange (Ifox) is to

Twenty-five shareholders including many of the Irish Republic's major banks. stockbrokers, fund management companies and treasury groups, are expected to approve a recommendation by its directors to wind up the company on 28 August.

chief executive, says that the move comes after fruitless discussions on how to breathe new life into the exchange. The reality is that the Irish market does not need a futures exchange," he said.

Only five contracts are currently traded on Ifox — shortterm, medium-term and long-term gilts. DIBOR and a SWAD CONTRACT

The exchange has had low volumes since it began. Last year, its death knell came with a decision by the National Treasury Management Agency to change its gilt-trading system from agency-based to being based on market-making. Dealers increasingly turned to the inter-broker dealer appointed as part of the market-making system and to the repo market.

Finance chief is casualty of Southern Water sale King will make a \$280,000

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY. INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND KING, finance director of Southern Water, yesterday became the biggest boardroom casualty of ScottishPower's takeover of the

water company. Mr King, 43, is currently negotiating severance terms, but it is believed that he will receive a pay-off in line with a year's salary. He earned £133,000 last year, although his basic remuneration was £99,000.

ScottishPower, which paid El.66 billion for Southern Water as a third building block in a multi-utility strategy that includes the regional electricity company Manweb, said that Mr King had been offered



Courtney: retiring chairman

another post after it had decided to replace him with Gerry McAloon, from the Scottish company's finance team. It is expected that Mr

gain on share options if he sells his holding on leaving the company. ScottishPower said that Mr King was leaving "to pursue his career elsewhere". John Cullen, company secretary, is also leaving the board, but will stay with Southern Water as director of corporate services. Martyn Webster, group managing director, is shifting to a new position as managing director of enterprise services. The three non-executive directors. Anthony Fry, John Westhead and Trevor Blackler, are

leaving.
ScottishPower confirmed that Bill Courtney, 71, is to retire as Southern Water chairman. He had already signalled his intention to retire.

Union back in the black

UNION, the financial services group, moved back into the black at the half-year stage, helped by a £3.1 million exceptional credit from its pension fund and a strong performance from its fee and commission earning businesses (Clare Stewart writes). Union's interim pre-tax profits were £3.4 million for

the six months to June 30 1996

compared with a loss of £792,000 in 1995. All the fee and commission activities, including its fund management and futures broking businesses were profitable, contributing £713,000

compared with £62,000 in the first half of 1995. Volatile conditions squeezed Union's money market and equity market activities, where

losses were unchanged at George Blunden, group chief executive, says Union

plans to continue developing its fee earning businesses. further reducing its focus on the higher risk, market-linked activities.

The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.5p. The shares

Electricity firms relent on blackout payments



Stephen Littlechild helped to lift the cloud over compensation for bad weather failure

By Christine Buckley. Industrial correspondent

ELECTRICITY companies down on the grounds of exhave bowed to pressure from the regulator over payments for bad weather interruptions, with two groups paying a total of more than £12,000.

Midlands Electricity and Swalec, the Welsh company that is part of the Hyder multiutility, paid out the greatest amount in compensation for supply interruptions lasting more than 24 hours, according to customer service league tables published yesterday by the regulator.

Midlands was last year pressed into making payments for a number of customers it had previously turned treme weather. Professor Stephen Little-

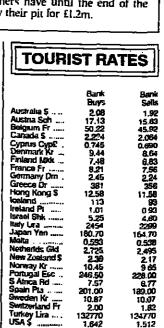
child, the electricity regulator, ruled that payments should be made because supplies were not restored quickly enough after lightning storms last summer. Swalec's most severe weather - February snow followed his ruling and the company was told payments should be made. Electricity consumers yes-

terday stepped up the pressure that payments should be due after 12 hours rather than a full day. Ken Prior, deputy chairman of the chairmen's group of the electricity con-

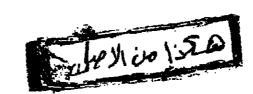
sumers committee, said: "The time should be reduced to 12 hours. That would be easily manageable."

The regulator yesterday said he was concerned about the 65 per cent jump in Swalec's failures to meet guaranteed standards. It made 89 payments for supply loss for more than 24 hours in the year to the end of March, compared with 38. Midlands made 149 compared with 45 in 19945. Overall, customer service increased. There was a 30 per cent fall in payments for failure to meet guaranteed standards and 22 per cent fewer complaints to the regulator.

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□ New man at Rank makes his mark □ Draft Bill on competition □ Questions over Refuge-United Friendly link

dead — long live the Rank Group. Andrew Teare, Rank's new chief executive, has been trying to put this message about the market since his arrival three the market since his arrival three months ago. It will soon come

true — quite literally.

Rank has constructed a very clever tax wheeze to avoid paying anything up to £300 million on the £1 billion sale of its remaining 20 per cent stake in Rank Xerox. The company has created a new holding company, Rank Group feet and the company Group, for share trading purposes. This will own all the businesses Rank wants to keep, parcelled into four subsidiaries.

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Pass gently on from the thought that the last attempt to use the tax laws to put a prevailing wind behind a large disposal was the Hanson demerger, now badly leaking credibility. Rank's ambitions are more modest — just. It will sell Rank Organisation early next year with the Xerox stake and all those horrible potential tax liablities intact. Xerox of Japan, the other investor in the joint venture, is the inevitable buyer, although some daft twist of the tax laws means Rank must maintain the fiction that it is not looking for a sale until the day the Japanese knock on the door.

The sale of the Xerox stake and around £300 million worth of assorted business has been jus-

A tax break with the past

tified as a necessary break with the past, and one that wipes out debt. Rank is now destined to become one of those focused, consumer-oriented, brand-led businesses that the stock market happens to revere, this year at least. Mr Teare has waxed lyrical about the great opportunities for the Hard Rock, once purely associated with long queues, hamburgers and Tshirts, to sell everything from children's clothing to records. The company also wants to revive the glory of the Odeon name, while neatly glossing over the fact the cinema chain was

battle to build multiplexes. But while the names at the top may have changed, the market senses that all too much remains the same. Such caution might seem churlish — analysts have had long enough to think about the new strategy, ever since a blatant leak at the weekend. Yet inconsistencies remain. Rank is prepared to dispose of its investment in Xerox but to continue with a minority position in the Universal Studios theme parks which provides no management

nearly left for dead in the recent

control. And why hang on to video duplication? This has noth-ing to do with branding and is under threat from digital video technology in any case, yet Rank is in the process of expanding capacity there.

Mr Teare says he has only

been in the job three months and that he has not had time to review every nook and cranny. Fair point. So why trumper the changes now as a dawn of a new era? Ouite simple. The new chief executive needs to signal a distinct break with the past, and Rank's days as a stuffy and secretive conglomerate. New chief executives are like that.

Lang beefs up the OFT

☐ IAN LANG'S draft legislation on competition policy, published yesterday, has rejected the draconian policing demanded by the consumer lobby. Instead the Bill to replace the Restrictive Trade Practices Act has gone for an easy balance, even if it leaves the Office of Fair Trading with considerably more power.

PENNINGTON



Reform of laws to ban cartels and other unfair business practices has been promised since 1989. The OFT's effectiveness is limited at present. The DTI proposes various investigative powers to smash cartels, including the ability to enter premises. by force if necessary and if armed with a magistrate's warrant, and to seize documents.

So far, so good. The debate since this spring's consultative document has been over the extent to which normal business practices should be criminalised. The creation of cartels is clearly wrong, and the Bill sets out any possible exemptions and the penalties available, such as fines of up to 10 per cent of turnover for those businesses involved.

Mr Lang has dropped the idea of fining directors personally, a maximum of £150,000 having been initially mooted.

Some hawks wanted a strict prohibition of any abuse of dominant market position, as already enshrined in the Treaty of Rome. The DTI has, rightly, refused, believing that this cannot be made to work satisfactorily. Instead the OFT purely torily. Instead the OFT would have to look at various practices on a case-by-case basis, but will have the power to ban them from the start pending an investiga-tion. The only appeal is to the Monopolies Commission.

It is always hard to draw a clear line between shrewd business practice and criminality. Consider this example. A company wanting to break into a new area may at first price its goods to undercut existing operators, to gain some market share. The same action by a dominant party to protect its position might be abuse of market power. In the first case, only a small number of consumers benefit, but this is allowed; in the second, the

banned. Under the Lang pro-posals, it is up to the Director-General of Fair Trading to rule on such anomalies.

Insurance merger breaks cover

☐ THE City may have been "shocked" by the decision of the United Friendly and Refuge to merge, but a cynic might wonder if the shock came mainly because there was no market leak before-hand. Like the Royal/Sun Alliance link, this one came quite out of the blue.

Mergers between insurance companies should hardly be a surprise to highly paid analysts. The sector was heading for rationalisation along with the rest of the financial services industry, a point made in a number of equities market forecasts at the start of 1996. But the eventual success of such links is a long way from assured.

The jury is still out on Royal & Sun Alliance, and will remain so until a couple of sets of figures have shown how the merger has majority do, but the move is bedded down. The dangers are

clear. Set against the cost savings from such deals are the risk of a clash of corporate cultures leading to boardroom strife, and of the loss of an extremely conservative customer base put off by the shiny new products eventually on offer

tually on offer.

That said, it is hard to see what kept United Friendly and Refuge, if the overlaps created allow the loss of a quarter of the workforce. Even in the sleepy sector of the market they occupy, this suggests some serious over-manning, and not just savings from new computerised technol-ogy that frees up labour from dead-end back office jobs.

Bonn mot

☐ THE Germans are giving Brussels lessons in humour. Strange, but true. Beck's beer is running a series of spoof adverts alleging that the Euro-Commissars want to create an in-ferior, standardised quality of water from which beer must be made. What is more, carrots have been reclassified as a fruit and the London double-decker bus outlawed. All mildly amusing, if a little ponderous and derivative, but it has sparked a terminal sense of humour failure in Brussels. "Cynical and irres-ponsible," puffs one Commissar. And he's one of ours, the head of the Commission in the UK.

Buoyant Invesco plans European expansion

INVESCO, the international fund management house, plans to open offices in all the foremost European cities after reporting a 42 per cent jump in half-year pre-tax profits to £32

Charles Brady, chairman of Invesco, which lifted earnings per share to 8.2p in the six months to June 30, said yesterday that with the private sector about to play a much larger role in European pension fund management there were plenty of new business

He added that in the United Kingdom, where Invesco manages some £2 billion of ension funds, compared with £33.8 billion in North America. "some 75 to 85 per cent of pension funds are managed by four or five houses. I think there is room for one or two more and we aim to be one of

Global funds under management at Invesco rose 26 per cent to £58.4 billion in the first half of the year, boosted in the US by the increasing popularity of 401K plans.

These are defined contribution schemes, which enjoy special tax privileges similar to those of the UK's personal equity plan (Pep) except that the US version must be held until retirement.

The interim dividend was increased to 2p. from 1.75p last year, and is due to be paid on Ucinber I

This will be invesco's sixth consecutive dividend increase and marks the rehabilitation

of a group that in 1993 was fined £750,000 with costs of £1.6 million for 55 rule breaches by a City watchdog over the Maxwell affair.

From that particular low point in its business life. Invesco has restructured itself and its retail portfolio in the United Kingdom, where it has £7.3 billion under management, and now manages a total of ten investment trusts and 22 unit trusts.

In Europe, where Invesco has one fully staffed office in Paris together with a number of other joint ventures, income increased by 9 per cent to £2

Mr Brady said: "Investment performance of the European region continues to improve, particularly for continental

cap stocks in the UK and He added: "Invesco is gaining increased recognition for its European investment performance and this is benefiting the region's

businesses. Elsewhere, Invesco said that its Hong Kong operation was profitable and that it expected its first initiative in Latin America with a joint venture in Argentina to show results by early 1997. Commenting on the results, Mr Brady said it had been an

European equities and small

excellent first half and added: We are improving profitabilishareholder value." Invesco's shares closed up

Colleagues posts profit warning

THE industrial action by postal workers was blamed by direct marketing group Colleagues for disrupting its business (Clare Stewart writes). Shares in Colleagues dived from 255p to 148p yesterday after the group said that both its interim and year-end results

would be lower.

A more significant impact on profits has been the sudden drop in expenditure by one of its largest clients, thought to be Sun Life. Colleagues is to bring forward its interim announcement and is estimating profits of around £1 million to June 30. compared with £1.56 million, Second half results are also expected to drop, with around £1 million full-year estimate from £4.4 million to £2 million.

TeleWest 'discusses merger' with Nynex

By Eric Reguly

THE controlling shareholders of TeleWest Communications and Nynex CableComms, Britain's largest cable operators, are believed to be holding discussions about putting the companies together through a share swap. A merger would give the new group access to some seven million homes.

Neither of the cable comnanies would comment on the deal. John Killian, chief executive of Nynex, would say only that "we think there will be further consolidation in the industry and we think consolidation presents benefits in the ong term"

Nynex is 67 per cent owned by Nynex of New York, a regional phone company that is merging with Bell Atlantic on the East Coast. TeleWest is majority owned by Telecom-



Killian: long-term benefits

largest cable company, and US West, another regional phone company.

ers are thought to be losing think a merger might help. One source close to the talks munications Inc., America's said that the impending

Nynex-Bell Atlantic merger "has prompted a portfolio review" that includes Nynex. Bringing them together would create efficiencies; a larger group would also have more clout in negotiating the purchase of content, from programming to Internet

Nynex CableComms yesterday reported a loss of £41.9 million in the half year to June 30 against a loss of £57.5 million in the same period a year ago. Turnover almost doubled to £68 million as the company expanded its net-work and increased its customer base.

Cable-TV penetration rates, however, rose only marginally telephony penetration rates rose from 22.5 per cent to 26.2

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Irish group makes oil agreement with Libya

FROM EILEEN MCCABE

BULA RESOURCES, the Irish oil exploration company. yesterday widened its focus from Siberia to North Africa with an agreement to join forces with Libya's National Oil Corporation to work on three onshore blocks.

The exploration and production sharing agreement with Libya's licensing authority covers two blocks in the Sirte basin and one in the Ghadames basin. It also announced that it had agreed in principle with a major international Canadian oil exploration company to drill for hydrocarbons in the same blocks.

A Bula spokesman refused to reveal the identity of the Canadian company but promised more details would be available within weeks. Its Canadian partner has agreed to "carry Bula's costs for the entire exploration phase and finance the whole of the development programme in this

area of massive potential". The agreements came on the eve of Bula's annual meeting in Dublin today. In June the company resolved its longrunning dispute with several Russian concerns over the ownership of Aki-Otyr, a Russian oil company licensed to produce oil from four Siberian oilfields. Although the terms of the agreement are to be put before an extraordinary general meeting in the next few months, it will undoubtedly feature in today's gathering.



Sid Taylor, left, and Malcolm Jones, chief executive

Bensons Crisps back in the black

By Sarah Cunningham

BENSONS CRISPS has returned to the black, with a record first-half profit, and is back in the dividend list for the first time in two years.

The company, which completed a restructuring last month with the sale of the noncore Sight and Sound Animations, made a pre-tax profit of £555,000 in the half year to May 25, against a £955,000 loss in the same half last year. It is to pay a 0.25p interim dividend on October 3, the first

payout since 1994. Earnings per share were 1.1p, against losses of 2.5p previously. Turnover rose by 14 per cent, to £15.8 million. New products, including a

range of Spiderman snacks. helped to lift snack volumes 9 per cent, year on year. Crisp volumes rose 6 per cent. Sid Taylor, chairman of Bensons, said the second half is expected to benefit from a seasonal drop in potato prices and from reductions in debt.

EU entry for Glaxo anti-HIV treatment

BY ERIC REGULY

GLAXO WELLCOME, the world's largest pharmaceuticals company, yesterday received European Commission approval to sell Epivir, the anti-HIV treatment that gained notoriety at the recent

Aids conference in Vancouver. Epivir, also known as 3TC, was one of the first drugs approved by the new Euro-pean Medicines Evaluation Agency, based in London, which granted Glaxo a single licence to market it in all 15 EU countries. Epivir has already been approved by the American regulators.

The European approval came shortly after an interna-tional trial showed that Epivir. when used in conjuction with Retrovir, another Glaxo anti-HIV treatment, was effective in reducing the onset of Aids among HIV patients. Epivir and Retrovir can also be combined with a so-called protease inhibitor, which blocks one of the enzymes essential for the virus to replicate.

Epivir was discovered by BioChem Pharma of Canada and was licensed to Glaxo in 1990. Glaxo said it will be launched in Europe as soon as it completes pricing negotiations with the national health authorities. Glaxo shares finished at 893p, down 2p.

Glaxo said it had agreed to

form a "bioinformatics" online library with Oxford Molecular, the computer-aided drugs

Record Year for Heinz

I am pleased to report that H.J. Heinz Company achieved record earnings in Fiscal 1996. Global sales reached US\$9.1 billion for the year, more than US\$1 billion higher than the record set last year. Earnings per share progressed in kind, increasing 10% to US\$1.75 from US\$1.59. Operating income increased 11% from US\$1.16 billion to US\$1.29 billion. Heinz continues to be attractive to investors seeking consistent, double-digit earnings growth. Over the past two years, Heinz's stock price appreciated 52% during a period that saw a major secondary stock offering of nearly 21.8 million shares, a three-for-two stock split and two dividend increases. The total return over that period for Heinz shareholders who reinvested their dividends was 67%, or more than 29% compounded annually.

Looking ahead, Heinz has excellent growth opportunities in six core categories where we are driving for global leadership. These categories are: foodservice; infant foods; retail ketchup and condiments; petfood; tuna; and weight control.

What distinguished these categories is that they are all very large; they are all growing globally; and, more importantly, they are all businesses in which Heinz enjoys leading brand positions and unique resources. We should also note that 26 of our brands will, this year, record sales of US\$100 million or more. Five additional brands are on the US\$100 million threshold. In summary, our growth plan is clear and achievable. We will continue to strengthen worldwide leadership and leverage in our six core categories. We will consolidate our acquisitions, relentlessly cut costs and attain higher standards in production efficiency. We will continue to grow overseas, with particular emphasis on emerging markets.

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As I told security analysts last March, Heinz management possess unique skills in marketing, operations and finance and in the mysterious art of making profits, and we are fortunate to be backed by the dedication of our 43,300 co-workers worldwide. Together, we are committed to achieving double-digit growth in Fiscal 1997 and to attaining and expanding world leadership in our six core categories.

Dr. A.J.F. O'Reilly

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Profits dented at restaurant chain

By CLARE STEWART

NEW DISHES on the menu that failed to prove a hit with diners, dented profits at the restaurant group. Break for the Border. As predicted at the time of the profits warning in March, profits growth was lower than expected, showing a rise of 10 per cent, to El.1 million, in the year to March 31, though acquisitions boosted turnover by 74 per cent to £19.02 million. Break for the Border also announced yesterday the appointment of Vic Clarke

as group finance director. He joins from

Dalgety and succeeds Simon Granger. who resigned with the profits warning.

The main problem area was the Howl at the Moon restaurant in London where higher than anticipated building costs and disappointing trade ran up losses of E400,000. The site has reverted to a Break. for the Border restaurant, the Mexican food and live music format successful elsewhere in London and Dublin. Robert Gunlack, chairman, said results from this one venue "had disproportionately affected an otherwise excellent performance

from our other units".

The strength of the Irish economy and rising tourist numbers helped the group's restaurant and hotel businesses in Dublin. Lawson Beaumont, the events organiser and catering business, which was bought in December, produced better than expected results. Forward bookings are strongly ahead.

with Christmas bookings up by 18 per cent. Mr Gunlack said.

Break for the Border is to pay an unchanged final dividend of 1.15p, which gives a total of 1.65p for the year, up 11 per cent. Shares ended 2p up, at 43p.



KAREN ZAGOR

Speculators left guessing as Reed takes Tolley

MERGER and bid rumours dominated trading in the City, although the FT-SE 100 index moved in a narrow range through the day, never gaining more than 5.5 points or losing more than 8.5 points.

By the close it was up 0.3 at 3,811.4. Strong overnight gains on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial average advanced 22.56 to close at 5.718.67, failed to move the UK market. And Wall Street's opening losses had equally little impact on a market dozing through the summer. In the absence of any significant economic news, traders turned their attention to mergers, company results and bid rumours.

Developments at Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing and information group were notable for a second day. Earlier rumours that the company planned to join forces with either Reuters or Pearson did not materialise. But Reed did announce the purchase of Tolley Publishing from United News and Media for £100.5 million in cash. The purchase helped United News and Media climb 24p to 679p.

Shares in Reed International. the UK joint-owner of Reed Elsevier, lost 5p to 1,145p amid some disappointment that the company had purchased Tolley instead of the higher-profile candidates. The shares failed to benefit from Reed's stronger than expected interim profits, which were also unveiled vesterday.

Pearson, which had previously risen in response to its interim results and speculation of a Reed bid, slipped op to 648p. Reuters, whose chief executive is Peter Job and which was rumoured to be Reed's first choice, initially lost ground but later recovered, adding 3.5p to 732.5p. Traders said the recovery followed speculation that another suitor may be eyeing the financial information and

trading company.

Blenheim, the exhibitions company, slid 7p to 406p on top of its previous day's 4p losses. Hopes that Reed would bid for Blenheim had boosted the shares in recent weeks and Reed's silence on the subject yesterday was seen as a worry-

Rank Organisation was losers of the day, giving up 27p to close at 441p. There had been high hopes that the



Peter Job of Reuters, up 3.5p as bid rumours continued

company's new leader would reveal a bold, new vision for Rank, leading to convincing earnings growth in the future. But analysts were unconvinced by yesterday's strategic

British Gas rose 5p to 202p on the back of reports that progress had been made on the company's "take-or-pay" contract battle. Shares were

larly good news for United Friendly, which has been posting losses in writing new business. Refuge's decline was attributed to disappointment with the size of its orphan fund. The merger helped the life assurance sector, with Britannic gaining 10p to 763p and London & Manchester adding 33p to 38lp.

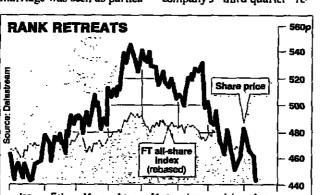
Bid rumours were behind

Renewed bid speculation sent shares in Schroders surging 43p to 1,328p. Nearly half the bank is owned by the Schroder family. "Any sale would need family approval, but there's a price on everything," said one trader. ABN Amro and Commerzbank are among the rumoured suitors.

also supported by talk that newcomers to the gas industry are having trouble

The unexpected union between Refuge Group and United Friendly sent shock waves through the insurance sector. Refuge lost 22p to 408p while United Friendly closed 105p higher at 839p after earlier soaring to a 52-week high of 940p. The proposed marriage was seen as particuthe 23p rise in Psion stock to 392p. There is growing speculation that Sharp of Japan is about to bid for the company. Rentokil recovered its footing after the sell-off after its takeover of BET. The shares

ended 16p higher at 420p. A number of big, diversified industrial companies recovered yesteday. Hanson returned to favour ahead of the company's third-quarter re-



ers noted that shares were buoyed by strong buying in the US of Hanson's American Depository Receipts. In London, Hanson closed at 166.5p, up 9.25p. BTR also did better, adding 9.5p to 258p.

On the earnings-related front, Willis Corroon firmed 4p to 137p, reflecting better than expected interim profits. Similarly, an enthusiastic response to interim results was behind the 6p rise to 237p at Invesco, the international fund management house. A profits warning by Colleagues sent shares tumbling 42 per cent to 148p, down 107p.

Among food retailers, Sainsbury lost ground amid concern that it is considering launching a £1 billion or higher bid for Food Giant, would dilute Sainsbury's shares. The results of the July's AGB survey. which indicated that the worst of the company's troubles are over, did little to help. Sainsbury eased 5p to 395p.

Safeway, which led the pack growth and sales, essentially held steady at 343p, off 0.5p. Tesco firmed 2p to 298p after some brokers upgraded profits forecasts on the back of a series of analysts' meetings with the company on Wednes-day. Somerfield, the supermarket chain, will make its stock market debut today. Several weeks ago its float price dropped to 145p from

Good news at Glaxo Wellcome failed to translate into a share price improvement. Although the company's anti-HIV drug Epivir (3TC) won approval to be marketed in the European Union. shares in the company edged 2p lower to 893p. GILT-EDGÉD: After di-

gesting the Bank of England inflation report the market returned to watching and waiting ahead of next week's economic data. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt eased £516 to £1071516 in thin volume of 34,000. The Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost £532 to £1031332 while at the longer end of the yield curve, the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 eased £1132 to

□ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were weaker ahead of the US Treasury's The Dow Jones Industrial average was 17.75 points lower at 5,700.92 by midday.

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Tying up the cables

companies provide further evidence that this industry suffers from premature aging. Nynex CableComms is typical: losses are smaller and cash flow is near breakeven but CableComms is still losing one in three of its customers and only one in five homes with access to cable takes the service.

Nynex and its rivals have had more success in selling telephony services. But the cable companies' American and Canadian parents are impatient and the industry is on the verge of a shake-up. Nynex and TeleWest, the two largest players, are thought to be considering a merger and Deutsche Telekom, the monopoly phone company in Germany, wants to join forces with Bell Cablemedia and

A Nynex-TeleWest merger makes sense for

HALF-YEAR figures from the leading cable efficiency reasons. One set of marketing and support staff could service both companies and a combined research and development team could speed the launch of multimedia products. A larger group would also have more clout when it comes to buying content, from programming to the Internet.

Deutsche Telekom's plans are more ambitious. A link with Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, whose franchises span Westminster, the City of London and Canary Wharf, would have access to Europe's greatest concentration of big businesses. Bell and Videotron, for their part, would secure an international partner because Deutsche Telekom, along with France Telecom and Sprint, are members of Global One. Investors should sit on the sidelines until these deals and others take shape. Given the dismal state of the industry, deals cannot long,

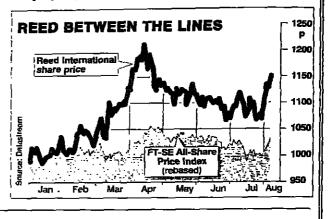
Reed Intl

REED International has good reason to be scentical about big acquisitions. The company is on the defensive and would be foolish to embark on a major corporate expansion. Funding is not an issue: Reed has annual free cashflow of £400 million and could easily stomach a £2 billion-plus acquisition. The threat facing the company is technological, rather than financial.

Reed enjoys a copyright over a vast library of information in the form of books. iournals and magazines. Business publishing is the moneyspinner and vesterday Reed paid a hefty premium to acquire Tolley, publisher of the UK's leading tax guides. Reed should quickly overcome any earnings dilution by slotting Tolley into Butterworths, the legal publisher, and a Labour govern-ment should bring with it big opportunities for a publisher focusing on tax.

But the challenge for Reed is to transfer Tolley and all its other hard-copy information to an electronic medium capable of instant access. such as the Internet. And the threat is that a technology company, perhaps even

Microsoft, will ally itself with a publisher and launch a superior online information product for professionals or businesses. Reed has launched Lexis-Nexis on the Internet but electronic pubhishing still accounts for only 16 per cent of revenues. It will have to invest quickly and cleverly to keep the competition at bay.



McKechnie

MCKECHNIE is "Widget ple", the archetypal maker of plastic and metal things that go into larger plastic or metal things, including cars, aeroplanes or domestic appliances. Moreover, McKechnie makes the "widget" that creares the foam in canned draught Guinness.

McKechnie generates about a quarter of its revenue from the automobile industry and. along with other suppliers, has suffered from destocking by vehicle manufacturers. Yesterday's acquisition of Daus, a maker of plastic and metal fasteners, reinforces the company's exposure to the auto industry as some 30 per cent of Dzus' revenues are motor related. Nevertheless, the price - some 7-8 times earnings. based on McKechnie's 26 per cent tax charge — seems inex-

pensive for the business which should make progress on last ing. McKechnie is amassing

DOLLAR RATES

a small war chest with which to snap up more widget makers but the big question is whether the engineering company will be able to put together a new leg to fit alongside metal fasteners and components, plastic products, and consumer products. The company moved in rapidly to supply Tesco with returnable plastic trays for fresh produce and stands a good chance of increasing the business as groups such as GKN and Hays scramble to supply similar products to other superstores. Investors should expect further acquisitions

Colleagues

HOUSEHOLDERS who have failed to notice a reduction in the volume of junk that falls through their letter boxes will be surprised to hear that Colleagues, the dir-With the £23 million plac- suffering from the postal

Apparently, a number of its customers, have reduced their spending, fearing that disruption to the post will lead to a lower response rate from direct mail shots. That will reduce Colleagues' turnover by about £5 million but more importantly, a major customer, has reduced its spending sharply causing a further E7 million to fall off the top line. In turn, the company yesterday lost about 40 per cent of its market value. Colleagues is being understandably coy about the identity of the customer but at the

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time of the flotation last year. Sun Life was reported to account for over 60 per cent of revenues. One might ask why a company so dependent on a small number of customers was ever sponsored for a listing. The answer seems to have been provided by the then shareholders of Colleagues who received 80 per cent of funds raised in the

COMMODITIES ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm **GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES** LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE CRUDE OILS 6/barrel POB WHEAT BARLEY (close E/1) COCOA PRODUCTS (\$/MT) ROBUSTA COFFEE 60 POTATO (E/O WHITE SUGAR (FOB) IPE FUTURES (GNI LLd) GAS OIL 180,75-81.00 Nov , 177,25-77.75 179,75-80.00 Dec 176,00-76,25 178,75-79.00 Vol; 20186 BIFFEX (GN) LM \$10/pt BRENT (6.00pm) MEAT & LIVESTOCK

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Barings yesterday for the announcement of the United Friendly/Refuge merg-er, after TV crews from around the world were barred. Anthony Bern-baum, assistant director of corporate finance at Barings, told TV crews: "It's very unusual to allow filming of a press conference of this nature under the takeover code ... There might be a mistake when the story is reported. We have to be very careful not to create a false market." But Justin Rowlatt, BBC economics reporter, branded Barings offensive" for "trying to pull the wool over our eyes. suggesting that we were breaching a code". According to the Takeover Panel: "We do have a general rule where an interview is conducted that it is not interrupted or distorted by comments, but it's no different between TV, radio or newspaper journalists."

Superlegal

THE legal community is holding its breath to see whether Gordon Stewart, a partner at Allen & Overy and current chair of the Society of Practitioners in Insolvency, will repeat his storming performance at Fantasy Football. Last year Stewart, who claims to support Motherwell and Tottenham Hotspur, managed a league, cup and European treble in the Allen & Overy league. He will now represent the firm in the legal superleague.

ALL seemed set for this Saturday's wedding in Farrell, a solicitor with Herbert Smith, to Caroline Ford. But panic threatened when Farrell discovered that the organist due to play at their wedding is blind and didn't know their chosen music. A courier was dispatched to the National Library for the Blind in Stockport.The requested volumes were delivered to the organist the same day. in time for him to memorise it.



Going, going . . .

Screened staff

NOT, you might think, an opportune time to start selling software. Undaunted. Alan Taylor, former MD of John Menzies, is launching Software City, a chain of up to 40 stores selling, er, software. The first opens today in Leeds, in the new Cityeate devin the new Citygate development, where Taylor's strategy is to concentrate on service rather than price. According to the man who aims to take the babble out of technobabble. "Our staff are quite friendly nerds. Any shade of anorak should be satisfied with our customer advice."

Pigeon pie

THE latest news since my suggestion yesterday that Healey & Baker, the surveyor, should consider taking on carrier pigeons, while the underground was considered in traffic was at a standstill, traffic was piling up and their hi-tech fax was out of order. It is now up and running, and to celebrate the successful implementation of H&B's previously untested disaster recovery programme, the in-house dining room was under the express instructions of the IT department to serve pigeon pie for

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Oil companies seek healthy bite of food retailing market

The first customer to fill up at a Tesco petrol pump - in Rochdale, Lancashire, in 1974 unknowingly set off a chain reaction that could see oil companies opening their own high street supermarkets, far from any petrol station

The somewhat bizarre convergence of the oil and food retailing businesses is approaching its logical conclusion: Elf, the French oil company, is looking at six stand-alone high street sites in the UK for its Le Shop stores, while Shell says it is considering moving its Select stores onto the high street. Both companies, like the other oil majors. have been pouring resources into changing and developing their forecourt convenience stores into something a long way from the cigarette and soft drink kiosks that were available to the 1974 customer.

Tesco, which was soon joined in selling petrol by Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway, has begun testing its own petrol station forecourt format, Tesco Express. It has opened II so far, concentrated in the South East of England, and it plans to open three more by the year-end.

A petrol price war, sparked by oil companies' realisation that the supermarkets had gradually cornered around a fifth of the market, has pushed down forecourt fuel prices to the point where oil and supermarket companies are losing money on them. The war began in earnest in January

when Esso launched its Price Watch campaign: the company monitors prices on all forecourts within a mile of each of its petrol stations and all supermarket forecourts within three miles, and aims to offer unbeatable prices. Naturally, all other petrol sellers have had to respond with

According to John Lawler, head of Shell's buying and merchandising unit, its 800 Select forecourt stores are "a way of making sites valuable until the price war is over".

Sarah Cunningham reports on the swiftly shifting boundaries of forecourt shopping

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It does not stop there, however. As an American who has been seconded from the US firm Strasburger Enterprises, a company that specialises in forecourt retailing, Mr Lawler does not think having oil companies and supermarkets competing head to head in each other's core markets is strange. "It seems perfectly natural," he says, Products are products. We are just looking at the customer and saying 'what do you want?" "

panies want. Remove sales of low-margin National Lottery tickets - which can account for up to 15 per cent of total sales -Shell's forecourt convenience stores are making gross mar-gins of 22 per cent to 30 per cent. In sales of some surprising prod-

seller of sandwiches.

do you want?" ucts they have become big players: Shell Select is now the country's fifth largest

Petrol stations have two advantages when it comes to convenience shopping: plenty of available parking and staff who man the stations, often for 24 hours a day. One big disadvantage, that very few of them can sell alcohol. may be overcome as it has been successfully argued in a few cases that most liquor sales are to people on foot. making the business primarily a shop and, therefore, eligible for a licence.

There is scepticism, though, about whether oil companies can make the breakthrough into successful high street food retailing. According to Richard Nyman of Verdict, the specialist retail consultants: "They need much

more expertise than they are demonstrating so far to make a good fist of

neighbourhood retailing." None of the oil companies has yet shown much of a feel for it yet, he says. and they risk being outclassed by the supermarket chains. "A Tesco petrol forecourt shop looks like a real shop. The staff are used to a retail environment," he says.

Mike Dennis, retail analyst at NatWest markets, reckons that "the Fat margins are what the oil com- major problem is getting round the

consumers' perception that it is a petrol company selling them food". Mr Nyman detects signs of panic among oil companies. from behind. Food retailers crept into petrol through the back door and oil companies have suddenly decid-ed attack is the best form of defence." The oil companies

are all tackling the convenience retailing market in different ways. Some of Texaco's Star forecourt shops have brought in Pizza Hut, McDonald's and Dunkin Donuts concessions, making it the leader in forecourt fast food. Working with established branded operators minimises the financial risk and also minimises customers' worries

about the hygiene of mixing food preparation and petrol retailing. Two smaller supermarket operators have begun working with oil com-panies on their forecourt stores: Budgen is opening up at some Q8 and running a trial with Elf. All of the other major oil companies

have developed convenience store

branding. BP has BP Express Shopping stores, which sell hot foods and bakery goods; Jet — the UK trading arm of Conoco, the US oil firm — has its Jiffy shops; Mobil has Mobil Marts: and Total has brought in Alldays, an established grocery company, as franchisees, signalling that it intends to target local and pedestrian shoppers.

They are all keeping a close eye on Tesco Express. The formula is to attach a small supermarket, around 2,000 sq ft, selling a wide range of chilled and fresh goods, next to a Tesco petrol station. So far, it has decided against selling hot, take-away food, one major growth area for other forecourt shops. But, although still at the trial stage, Tesco Express has prompted competi-

Esso is now testing a similar type of store, called Fresh Ideas. It has opened four so far, all in the South of England, and each of around 2,000 sq ft and open 24 hours a day. There is no Esso pay for petrol at the till. The risk in following this route, analysts say, is that, by comparison with Tesco, Esso lacks the major food retailer essentials: centralised distribution, own-label dev-elopment and sales-based ordering. For a company that is not used to selling fresh foods there can also be difficulties with ordering the right amounts and making sure it is sold before it is past its best. Esso says that it is still collecting data and has not decided whether to push on and open

Fresh Ideas nationwide.
The whole notion of buying food from petrol stations and of eating snacks and meals in the car is very American, and there could be more cultural resistance in the UK than the oil companies would like. We are simply not yet accustomed to the idea of getting food from oil companies.

That said, the market for conve-

nience stores is there and it is growing. It is early days yet, but as Mr Hyman of Verdict says: "It takes a great deal of skill to get convenience retailing right."

BUSINESS LETTERS

Greys can add colour to their lives with a policy of spend, spend, spend

From Trevor Openshaw Sir. Having read your latest article about "grey power" (Janet Bush, August 6), please allow me to reveal some of the thinking that we greys have indulged in durng the last few months.

During our working lives of perhaps 40 to 50 years we have been responsible for paying for our parents' pensions, and also their healthcare.

At the same time we have been encouraged to make provision for our own retirement through a variety of pension schemes, both private and government-con-trolled. Some of us have also managed to make savings to supplement whatever the pensions bring in.

It is now becoming clear that this may not have been the wisest policy as we are continually being told that the younger generation and the Government might not be prepared to fund this ongoing commitment, especially if we have already done so. Of course, those who have not bothered to provide for themselves will be supported by the state

anyway.
There is also every indication that those of us who arrive at old age with any assets will have them stolen to fund amongst other things our healthcare, not allowing us to pass on the fruits of our labours to our children and grandchildren.

We therefore feel that we will have had the worst of all worlds so what is the point hanging on to assets when we can enjoy them now, and boost the economy into the

Consequently it should not be a surprise when the nation's car showrooms are stampeded with 'Pensionerreg cars". Yours faithfully.

TREVOR OPENSHAW. 33 Ellesfield Drive. Ferndown, Dorset.

Transport Department wrong to keep skies open for British Airways only

From Mr Richard Branson

Sir, It is unbelievable that the Department of Transport see a monopolistic merger between British Airways and American Airlines as the "only realistic way for British airlines to tap into the vast American market (Business section, Monday, August 5).

Such a view is nonsense since both the travel industry and the Civil Aviation Authority have clearly stated that the British Airways-American Airlines deal will dramatically reduce competition and only benefit one British carrier, namely British Airways.

If the Department of Transport really wanted competition and the rights for British airlines to be promoted effectively, then they should have asked for all British airlines to be allowed to operate domestic routes within the USA under

their own banner in return for similar rights for US

airlines in Europe. Such a move would at one stroke produce much more compension than any cosy deals behind closed doors by two of the world's largest airlines.

Virgin would love to fly domestic routes in the United States and we believe we have an international brand name which is strong enough to do so.

To be denied that opportunity under a charade "Open Skies" deal is the ultimate insult not only to us, but also to the consumer who will end up with skies controlled by British Airways and American Airlines leading inevitably to higher fares and lower quality.

Yours faithfully RICHARD BRANSON, Virgin Management Ltd. 120 Campden Hill Road,

Let shareholders decide board pay

From Mr Paul Foulkes Sir, The headline of I. Stelzer's article (July 29) states that "Fat cats must learn to play fair". Indeed. Neither boards of public companies nor MPs should ever decide their own salaries. In companies, this should be left to a vote by in-

dividual shareholders (excluding institutional investors, or other nominees); and for Parliament, to a vote by the electors. In either case, the qualified voters would set a number of ranges, and choose one by secret ballot. This would abolish the

mutual back-scratching that now leaves management and Parliament in disrepute. Yours faithfully. PAUL FOULKES. 24 Granville Park, SE13.

A missed penalty

From Mr Don Vincent Sir, Why don't you report more accurately? (Business, August 5).
Gareth Southgate did not miss his penalty — it was saved by the goalkeeper.

I think Gareth Southgate is feeling low enough without you adding to his regret. Yours faithfully, DON VINCENT,

St Andrews Chambers. Wells Street,

Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent 0171-782 5112.

Redundancies underscore the insurance shake-up, says Marianne Curphey

Human cost of revolution among the insurers

job in insurance was once as staid and secure as one in banking. The top men in the industry and the senior managers are still predominantly male typically worked their way up through the ranks to head the company they had joined in

Within the past decade, the image of the industry has changed dramatically. The catalyst was the appearance of the direct writers: the first, largest and most successful of which was Direct Line, dealing almost exclusively with its clients by telephone. Direct Line, with its ubiqui-

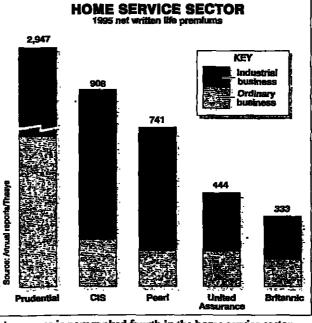
tous red telephone, young staff and high-tech underwriting came as a shock to the traditional world of insurance where reams of paper were shuffled from desk to desk and clients had to fill in their own claims forms instead of chatting to their insurer on the

telephone.
Other direct writers demonstrated that a background in business or marketing was just as useful for promotion to executive level, as a lifetime working in the insurance industry itself.

As in hanking, the rate of change has accelerated within the past 18 months. Building societies and banks are encroaching on insurers' tradi-tional business, and insurers are venturing into the mortgage and banking sectors in an attempt to steal back some







John Cudworth, left, of Refuge, with George Mack, of United Friendly. Their merged United Assurance is now ranked fourth in the home service sector

of their custom. The emphasis is on cutting costs, keeping paperwork and staff numbers down and relying more heavily on computers to do the bulk

of the work. As a result, the announcement yesterday that Refuge and United Friendly are to shed around 1,800 staff and close an estimated 100 branches was only the latest in a long line of redundancies within the industry.

in May, Royal insurance

that they were to merge into a new company. Royal Sun Alliance, and said that 5,000 jobs would go, 4,000 of those being lost in the UK. Small and medium-sized

and Sun Alliance announced

companies are gradually accepting that in a world where costs have to be kept down and margins are getting thinner, they are not big enough to survive alone. They need extra funds to invest more adventurously, to continue making

returns to existing policyholders and to attract new ones. The rationalisation has already begun: Provident Mutual was taken over by General Accident last year and Clerical Medical, which had hinted

the Halifax Building Society. Five companies bid for Clerical Medical, which means there are four disappointed parties in the market currently looking for acquisitions.

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Others, like Friends Provident, have indicated that they would not be averse to merging with rivals of a similar size

or buying up bite-size rivals. Scottish Amicable, Scottish Life and NPI head the list of that it was looking for a mutuals that have been suggested as candidates for demutualisation or are suspected takeover targets.

But even the UK's biggest mutuals, which include Standard Life, Scottish Widows and Equitable Life, may have large mutual life offers, such their jobs.

to consider demutualisation in time, though all three currently maintain that they are committed to mutuality. Dominating the entire mar-

ket is the giant, cash-rich Prudential, which is looking to diversify in order to stay ahead of the game. The Prudential's name has been linked with the Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester building societies, and has also been touted as a possible buyer of one of the

tish Widows. The merger of Royal Insur-

ance and Sun Alliance was the biggest shake-up in the insurance industry for more than a decade and it created the largest insurer in the UK. Its rival, Guardian Royal

Exchange, one of the weaker quoted composite insurers, is regularly cited by the City as a takeover candidate. Commercial Union is rumoured to have looked at both GRE and General Accident, while Legal & General may well be looking at mergers or acquisitions. Britannic, Royal London, Liverpool Victoria and London & Manchester will now be looking at what the future offers them should they decide to attempt to remain independent.

In human terms, though, the cost of all this consolidation is high. The life and general insurance industry has already lost an estimated 16,000 jobs over the past five years, not including the redun-dancies announced in the past few months.

Some industry observers believe that the industry could lose half the current 200,000strong workforce by the end of the decade. Whatever form the couplings, mergers and acquisitions take, one thing is guaranteed: the companies will talk excitedly about cost savings, while the staff will wonder what is to happen to

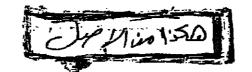
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Retrospective rule review unlikely

Stevenage Borough Football Club Lid v The Football League Lid Before Lord Justice Hobbouse, Lord Justice Millett and Lord

Justice Swinton Thomas [Judgment August 6] In considering a challenge to the rules of the Football League, the court was concerned with three questions: (i) whether any, and if so which, of the rules was invalid; (ii) if so, whether it should grant a declaration to that effect; and (iii) if so, whether it should make an order, whether by way of injunction or declaration, giving effect to the rules as modified by the excision of those which it found to be invalid.

Even where it was satisfied that each of those questions required an affirmative answer, it would be an exceptional case in which it would be right to give retrospective effect to the modified rules.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an expedited appeal by Stevenage Borough Football Club on the ground of delay against the refusal by Mr Justice Carnwah (The Times August I) of its applica-tion restraining the Football League from imposing their cri-teria for membership of the league so as to refuse Steverage admission to the league; and in dismissing a cross-appeal by the league against the judge's decision to award them only half of their

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC, for Stevenage: Mr Murray Rosen, QC, and Mr Tim Kerr for the

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the current arrangements between the semi-professional Vauxhall Conference and the Football League provided that at the end of each season the bottom club in the third division of the league and was replaced by the club ionship, but only if certain criteria

were satisfied by the champion

There were several criteria for admission to the league but only two were relevant to the proceedings: Stadium capacity

A minimum capacity of 6,000, with a minimum number of seats under cover, or 10 per cent of the ground capacity, whichever was the greater, was required. Any club wishing to be considered for promotion at the end of the season had to have completed all works necessary to qualify for promotion by December 31 in the current

Financial criteria

A club had to submit by January 31. audited accounts for the period the preceding May 31 and a halance sheet and profit and loss account as at December 31. Those over liabilities and a retained profit in the current financial year. It would be seen that those criteria had to be complied with before a club knew that it had won the conference championship. The 1995-1996 season was the third consecutive season that the championship club of the conference was

denied promotion for failure to

meet the criteria. The requirements for admission to the league could have strange ces. Thus Torquay Uni ted, which came bottom of the third division last season, escaped relegation to the conference because Stevenage, champion club of the conference, failed to satisfy

Woking, the conference runnerup, satisfied the league's criteria, and if it had beaten Stevenage it would have been promoted and Torquay would have been rele-gated. Thus Torquay's continued place in the third division depended on whether Stevenage or Woking won the conference

Moreover, Stevenage failed to

satisfy the criteria because it failed to meet the deadline. It had since brought its ground up to the

Accordingly, Stevenage would not be promoted even though it won the conference championship last season and even though its ground satisfied the criteria. whereas Torquay, which would not currently meet the financial criteria for admission to the league, would not be relegated.

Mr Green, the chairman of Stevenage, wrote to Mr Hunter, the chairman of the conference, in late December 1995, in reply to a previous circular from him. informing him that the club would not complete its ground to the required standard by December 31. The clear implication was that Stevenage would not be competing for promotion during the current

The league issued a press release on March 12, 1995 explaining the ing the clubs which qualified and confirming that should a club which did not meet the criteria win the conference title that club would not be promoted.

Mr Green still gave no indica-tion of his intentions but shortly afterwards spoke to the chairman of Torquay and drew attention to the fact that Stevenage would not qualify for promotion even if it won the championship, whereas Woking would do so. Mr Green suggested that Tor-quay might like to help Stevenage

achieve victory and thereby ensure Torquay's continued place in the third division. He suggested that Torquay might pay Stevenage E3),000 to retain its best player for Counsel for Stevenage accepted

that if that offer had been taken up the present proceedings would not have been pussible. Nothing came it was evidence which supported the judge's conclusion that even as late as March 1996 litigation was, in Mr Green's

cards he had to play.

The league had served a respondent's notice in which they sought to uphold the judge's decision. They did not accept his conclusion that no deadline for the completion of ground improvements was necary: experience, they alleged. had shown the contrary.

Nor did they accept his conclusion that the same criteria which governed admissioned to the ue should necessarily be applied to clubs once they had been admitted. They would, however, take account of the judge's criticisms when they comes to set the admission criteria for the 1997-1998

Mr Stewart subjected the judge's The judge had found the relevant admission criteria to be in unreasonable restraint of trade, he submitted. It followed that he found them to be void and he ought to have made an appropriate declaration to that effect. Mr Stewart's premise somewhat overstated the judge's finding: his

conclusion ignored the fact that the declaration sought by his client was different. Sievenage did not ask for a declaration that the admission criteria were void, but for a declaration that Stevenage was "entitled" to be promoted to the third division for the forthcoming season. It was seeking to enforce its rights, albeit by way of a declaration rather than an

Mr Stewart also criticised the judge for suggesting that Stevenage should have sought redress through the conference or the Football Association, and

turned to litigation as a last resort. His Lordship felt the force of his comment that it would have been unrealistic to expect either of them to have been of much assistance when they had adopted a firm and perhaps an entrenched attitude. But the fact remained that Stevenage did not attempt to put

that to the test, even though it had two years in which to do so.

But Mr Stewart reserved his strongest criticisms of the judge for his finding that Stevenage had been guilty of unreasonable delay and that third parties had suffered damage in consequence.

Berkoff v Burchill and

Before Lord Justice Neill. Lord

Justice Millett and Lord Justice

The question whether certain

words had damaged a plaintiff's

reputation by exposing him to ridicule could not be answered

simply by considering whether the

natural and ordinary meaning of

the words was defamatory per se.

in the light of all the surrounding

circumstances in which they were

published and in which the plain-

tiff's claim was made. It was for the

jury to decide how the words.

taken in their context, would be

understood by the ordinary reader.

The Court of Appeal so held by a

majority (Lord Justice Millett

dissenting) when dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Miss

Julie Burchill and Times News-

papers Ltd. from a refusal by Sir

Maurice Drake sitting as a High Court judge on September 20, 1995.

of their application by summons

of the Sunreme Court, for a culing

that to call a person hideously

ugly" was not capable of being

defamatory as alleged in the

statement of claim of the plaintiff,

Mr Steven Berkoff, and that

accordingly his action be dis-

Mr James Price, QC, for the defendants; Mr Manuel Barca for

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

that Mr Berkoff was an actor,

director and writer who was well

known for his stage, screen and television work. Miss Burchill was

a journalist and writer who was

The Sunday Times of January 30, 1994 published Miss Burchill's

cinema for The Sunday Times.

Innocence, in which she wrote

Berkoff are notoriously hideous

saying, inter alia. "it's a lot like

Stephen Berkoff, only marginally

Mr Berkoff commenced libel

retained to write articles about the

missed.

Mr Berkoff.

looking people"

irsuant to Order 14A of the Rules

The words had to be considered

Another

Judgment July 31

It would, he submitted, have been commercially unrealistic for Stevenage, a relatively small club, to embark on a heavy and difficult action in the High Court with no certainty of success until it had won the conference championship. Until then there would be no benefit to the club even if it won the

Like the judge, his Lordship accepted Mr Stewart's submission that it was not unreasonable for Stevenage to wait until it had won championship before it brought proceedings, although Mr Stewart had been unable to defend satisfactorily Mr Green's reluctance to indicate his intentions

But all that missed the point. What was in issue was the validity of the rules for promotion and relegation to and from the league. not merely whether Stevenage should be promoted to the league. Mr Stewart concluded roundly asserting that the dismissal of the appeal would be a denial of justice. His Lordship did

If Stevenage's object was to challenge the basis on which the competition should be conducted in future, it had achieved a limited basis in which the competition was conducted last season, then it should not have waited until after the season was over. His Lordship regarded that as in accordance with elementary notions of justice and fair play.

Lord Justice Hobhouse delivere a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed

with both judgments. Solicitors: Goldsmith Williams

Right to bring action to enforce judgment

E. D. & F. Man (Sugar) Ltd v Haryanto

that firearms offences were becoming ever more common. The maximum sentence had been increased by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 from five to seven

years as from February 3, 1995. It was correct to observe that the new law properly applied was not material to this offence because the appellant had possessed the fire-arm both before and after Feb-

firearm without a certificate

MR JUSTICE CONNELL said

to say, even though there were no aggravating features, that the sentence was either wrong in principle

Granting possession

Sawn-off shotguns

demand deterrence

Boyle v Verrall

Regina v Ashman

Those who involved themselves

even as minders or caretakers.

could have no legal use, had to

deterrent element. If past authori-

ties suggested otherwise they were

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice, Mr.

Justice Owen and Mr Justice

Connell) so held in dismissing an

appeal on July 10 by Mark

Anthony Ashman against a 212-

year prison sentence imposed on

April 17, 1996, at St Alban's Conwo

Court (Judge McMullan) on his

Division (Lord Bingham

no longer useful as guideli

sawn-off shotguns, which

The court's discretion to grant a landlord possession under ground 1(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1988 was not limited to exceptional cases.

COURT OF ADDRESS (LORG Justice Auld and Lord Justice Thorper so held on July 25 allowing an appeal by Rita Madeleine Boyle against the dismissal by Judge Maher in Wandsworth County Court on August 3, 1995 of her action against Richard Hugh Verrall for possession of a flat at

Nevertheless it was impossible 207h Castelnau, Barnes, London,

grant possession only if the circumstances were exceptional.

National Gallery

LORD JUSTICE AULD said Mrs Boyle had intended to create an assured shorthold tenancy but had mistakenly failed to serve the required notice under section 20 of notice, Mr Verrall, a former councilhousing officer, had realised her mistake and decided to been wrong to conclude that in the absence of oral notice he could

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 17] A party which had obtained judgment in its favour against another had a right to bring an action upon

that judgment to enforce it, provided it was within the prescribed period of limitation. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the renewed application of the defendant. Yani Haryanto, for leave to appeal

against the order of Mr Justice

Lungmore on September 19, 1995.

when he granted the application of the plaintiff, E. D. & F. Man ment in the sum of US \$24.5 million plus issues million plus interest in respect of the plaintiff's action brought upon judgment of Mr Justice Hohhouse on November 17, 1989, ordering judgment for the plaintiff in that sum in respect of an award in the plaintiff's favour made in the parties in March 1989, relating to payment under two contracts for

sugar which the plaintiff sold to the defendant in 1982. Mr Nicholas Merriman. QC and Mr Ali Malek, QC. for the defendant: Mr Richard Hacker

said that although counsel for the defendant accepted that an action in debt could be founded on an existing judgment (see Williams v Jones ((1845) 13 M & W 628, 633)), it was submitted that the present case was novel since it involved the repetition of an earlier judgment in the same court.

His Lordship said that since an action would lie on a judgment, there was no reason in principle why it would not lie on an earlier judgment of the same court: see Halsbury's Laws of England (4th edition (1979) volume 28, paragraph 702, p318).

it was not normally required because the process of execution would avail. What was novel about the case

was the lengths to which the defendant was ready to go to evade payment of the money due from m under judgments and awards. Suing on a judgment could not be said to defeat legislative policy provided the action brought did not offend against section 24 of the Limitation Act 1980, which forbade the bringing of an action on any judgment after the expiration of six years from the date on which judgment became enforceable. In the present case the later action was within the period.

enforcing a judgment: by execution and by action. The court plainly would not give judgment in an action on a judgment unless satisfied that the action did not constitute an abuse of process having regard to the availability of execution It would be for the defendant to

show that any second action did so constitute: the primary obligation was not that of the plaintiff to justify the bringing of further proceedings.
It favoured the defendant if, as

the judge had held, the judgment was a matter of discretion. But the courts had always held it to be, and in his Lordship's view it was, a matter of right: Adams v Ready ([861] H & N 261, 264), Godfrey v George ([1896] I QB 48, 51), Savill v Dalton ([1915] 3 KB 174, [91] and Stubbs v Allen ([1934] 2 WWR 459,

If the judge had a discretion, his was an unassailable exercise of it. But if, as his Lordship believed, he did not, there was clearly shown a reason why execution might not further action was justified. Thus the second action constituted a

Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Brooke agreed. Solicitors: Rosling King;

Right to buy irrelevant for rent

Dickinson v Enfield London Borough Council

Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Millen

[Judgment July 30] The right of a secured tenant to buy the freehold of the property should not be taken into account it determining a reasonable rent on

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Edward Hicks Dickinson from a decision of Judge Barry Green, QC, in Edmonton County Court on February 10, 1995 concerning the rent of The Hollies, 241 The Ridgeway, Enfield, but allowing the appellant a declaration that the right to buy should not be taken into account in

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Miss Mr Wayne Clark for the council.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said he tenancy was for 20 years from August 1, 1984 at a rent of £3,150 provision for rent review every five years. The tenant had

exercised his right to buy the property under the Housing Act

Among the issues before the court was whether, in fixing the reviewed rent, the court should tenant had exercised or might exercise his right to buy the freehold at a discount to the market value. Clearly such a right was relevant

to the determination of a market rent, but in the instant case the court was required to determine the rent it was reasonable for the tenant to pay and the landlord to receive in all the circumstances. The court had to take into

account the fact that the right had been conferred by Parliament with the deliberate purpose of inducing secured tenants to buy their hon and take them out of the public

Whether Parliament could have intended the landlord to recoup the discount by obtaining an increased rent by reference to its existence was not strictly material, since whether it was entitled to do so

But in considering what it was reasonable for the landlord to demand for the tenant to pay, the nature and purpose of the right to buy were highly material.

Given the purpose of the statute, it would not be reasonable (a) for the landlord to take advantage of Parliament's generosity to the ten-ant in order to obtain an increased rent for itself or (b) for the tenant to be required to pay an increased rent while he continued to occupy public sector housing because he had been offered a monetary

inducement to leave it. His Lordship did not consider that the existence of the right to acquire the freehold could be separated from the right to acquire it at a discount.

of the tenancy agreement and not of the Act.

The rent should be determined

Lord Justice Hobhouse agreed. Lord Justice Staughton dissented on the grant of the declaration. Solicitors: Malkins; Mrs Tina

it as an abuse of the process of th court and dismiss it accordingly having first struck out the statement of claim. The plaintiff's action was for

damages for alleged sexual abuse had reached her majority.

provisions in section 33.

accordingly. tion on Human Rights.

in the two articles meant and were understood to mean that he was

hideously ugly". His Lordship said that words might be defamatory even though they neither imputed disgraceful conduct to the plaintiff nor any lack of skill or efficiency in the conduct of his business or profession, if they held him up to contempt, scorn or redicule or

Whether offending words

libellous a jury matter

tended to exclude him from society. On the other hand, insults which did not diminish a man's standing among other people did not found an action for libel or slander. The exact horderline was difficult to

Mr Berkoff's case was that the charge that he was "hideously ugly exposed him to ridicule and. alternatively, would cause him to be shunned or avoided. It was argued for the defendants that the defining characteristic of defamation was injury to reput-

ation and the fact that a statement

might injure feelings or cause

annoyance was irrelevant to the question whether it was It was contended for Mr Berkoff that his case fell into the residual class where words might be defamatory even though they did not involve an attack on a plain-

riff's reputation in the conventional His Lordship said that it was not the right test to ask whether the words could be delamatory of anyone. The question whether the words were capable of having a

answered in relation to the claim by the plaintiff. If that was done, one had to look at the words and judge them in the lished. It might be that in some contexts the words "hideously ugly" could not be understood in a defamatory sense, but one had to

consider the words in the review of a film The Age of surroundings in which they apfilm directors from Hitchcock to The meaning of words in a libel action was determined by the Nine months later Miss Burchill ordinary reader's reaction and not reviewed the film Frankenstein and described "the creature" by by the publisher's intention, but

perceived intention of the publisher might colour the It would be open to a jury to conclude that in context the re-marks about Mr Berkoff gave the physically unattractive in appearance but actually repulsive.

To say that of someone in the public eve who made his living, in part at least, as an actor, was capable of lowering his standing in the estimation of the public and of making him an object of ridicule.

It would be wrong to decide that preliminary issue in a way which would withdraw the matter com-pletely from the consideration of a

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT. dissenting, said that many a true word was spoken in jest; many a false one too. But chaff and banter were not defamatory and even serious imputations were not actionable if no one would take them to be meant seriously.

Physical beauty was not a qualification for a director or writer. Mr Berkoff did not plead that he played romantic leads or that the words impugned his professional ability. In any case, his Lordship did not think it was defamatory to say of an actor that he was unsuitable to play particu-

The words complained of were an attack on his appearance, not his reputation. His Lordship had no doubt that they were intended to ridicule Mr Berkoff but did not think they made him look ridiculous or lowered his reputation in

the eyes of ordinary people. A decision that it was an actionable wrong to describe a man as hideously ugly would be an unwarranted restriction on free speech. And if a bald statement to that effect was not capable of being defamatory, a humourously exag-gerated observation to the like

effect could not be. People must be allowed to poke fun at one another without fear of litigation. Miss Burchill had made a cheap joke at Mr Berkoff's expense. She may thereby have demeaned herself, but it could not be said that she defamed Mr Berkoff.

Mr Berkoff's claim was as frivolous as Miss Burchill's article and the time of the court ought not to be take up with either of them. Lord Justice Phillips delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Neil).

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard;

Staying statute-barred action pending Strasbourg decision the practice of the court to make a proceed with her action which the

Sparks v Harland Before Mr Justice Sedles (Judgment April 2)

An action statute-barred under the Limitation Act 1980 could be stayed rather than struck out pending a decision of the European Court of Human Rights in a similar case which might result in the introducretroactive legislation removing the bar to the plaintiff's

Mr Justice Sedley, giving judg-ment in chambers in the Queen's Bench Division, so held staying Claire Sparks' statute-barred action against Ivor Harland, on her appeal against the decision of a master in chambers striking out the action. His Lordship gave leave for the case to be reported.

Mr Tristram Hodgkinson for the plaintiff: Mr Marc Brittain for the delendant.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the appeal raised the interest-ing point whether an action which in the present state of the law was barred under the 1980 Act should necessarily he struck out, or whether it was proper for the court to exercise its alternative power to stay the action.

It was the practice to treat as discrete limbs the power either to strike out or to stay an action under Order 18, rule 9 of the Rules If the pleading of the Limitation

quick end to the action by treating

by the defendant between 1982 and 1984, when the plaintiff was a child. Her writ was not issued until February 1995, nine years after she In Stubbings v Webh (1993) AC

498), a case indistinguishable in its material elements from present, the House of Lords had nat a six-year limitation period applied without any possibility of enlargement by reference either to the date of knowledge provisions in section 11 of the 1980 Act or to the discretionary

If matters stood there the case would have no hope of success and would fall to be struck out

However, on application to the European Court of Human Rights by the plaintiff in Stubbings, the European Commission had held that the case disclosed a breach of article 14 of the European Conven-

If the European Court of Human Rights took the same view as the Commission, the United Kingdom Government would come under a treaty obligation to secure by a change in the law the right to

idement of the House of Lords Stubbings. Such a change would have to be retroactive and would be likely to benefit the present plaintiff. There was no rule of law that

impending legislative change was never a material consideration in the exercise of the court's powers and discretions. Everything turned upon the relevance of the pending legislation or possibility of change to the issues before the court. It was submitted for the defen-

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dant that if the action were struck out, there remained the possibilit of the issue of a fresh writ if the law changed in the plaintiff's favour. But it was not possible to say with certainty that if in, perhaps two years, the law of limitation was retroactively changed, the courts would still contemplate with equanimity the issue of a separate

There was no reason why it there were to be a future shift in the law the plaintiff should have to roll a stone back up the hill which she

was at present standing upon. There was no legal impediment to the grant of a stay in the particular circumstances of the case and the balance of justice came down firmly in favour of staying the action rather than dismissing the plaintiff's case. Solicitors: Blackman Van Emden, Harrow: Hughmans.

Act 1980 was plainly good, it was Using extended sentence powers

Michael Clive Powell against a

sentence of three years imprison-

ment imposed on January 5, 1996.

Where a judge invoked section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 in sentencing an offender for a violent or sexual offence there was no requirement upon him to indicate that sentence which he would have passed had he not intended to use those powers.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Bingham of Comhill Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Connell) so stated on July 10 in

at Leicester Crown Court (Judge De Miller on a plea of guilty to indecent assault on a female. MR JUSTICE OWEN said that it was not disputed that the judge

199) in sentencing the appellant. It was contended that he did not say what sentence he would have passed had the circumstances been different. But there was no such

was entitled to invoke section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act

What he was required to do was to bear in mind the danger of serious risk to the public of the appellant's re-offending and in the light of that to decide what the appropriate sentence was. He decided that the appropriate

sentence was three years and their

Lordships could see no proper

criticism to be made of that decision on his part. However, the consecutive sentences for breach of probation orders imposed for earlier offences would be ordered to run concur-

rently rather than consecutively. Pensions Ombudsman must observe statutory fairness procedures

Seifert v Pensions Ombudsman and Others Lynch and Another v Pensions Ombudsman and

Another Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment July 30] The Pensions Ombudsman had to comply with the statutory procedure, designed to ensure fairness. contained in section 149(1) of the Pensions Schemes Act 1993 and with the principles of natural justice, which required of him that he made clear what specific allegations were made by a complainant, and confined his determination to

such as had been clearly notified to Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division when allowing appeals by John Seifert, Anthony Lynch and Philip Helm, former trustees, and Fairmount Trustee Services Ltd from a determination dated December 5. 1995 of the Pensions Ombudsman. Mr Julian Farrand, QC, whereby he upheld complaints by Mr Erdogan Kural of maladministra-

tion by the former trustees and by

his erstwhile employer, Seilert Ltd. and ordered:

(i) Fairmount, which had in August 1992 been appointed by Seifert's administrative receivers as independent trustee to act in winding up the Seifert Group Pension & Life Assurance Scheme, and Mr Helm, Mr Seifert and Mr Lynch having retired as trustees in October 1992, inter alia: (a) within two months to begin payment to Mr Kural of benefits

to Mr Kural on February 17, 1992. with effect from June 8, 1992 and (b) to reduce the deferred benefit rights under the group scheme of Mr Seifert and Mr Lynch suf-ficiently to fund Mr Kural's

pased on a quotation prepared by

Guardian Assurance plc, provided

(ii) that within one month there be paid to Mr Kural, as compensation for the upset and inconvenience constituting injustice sustained by him from their maladministration: (a) £900 by Mr Helm (b) £300 each by Mr Seifert and Mr Lynch.

deed provided that its trustees "shall not be liable for acting on the advice of the auditor or the actuary ... or any other pro-fessional advice nor shall any trustee be liable for any acts or

omissions not due to his own wilful

neglect or default". Section 149 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 provides: "(1) When the Pensions Ombudsman proposes to conduct an investigation into a complaint made ... he shall give (a) the trustees and managers of land employers in relation to the schemes concerned. and (b) any other person against whom allegations are made in the complaint ... an opportunity to comment on any allegations con-

tained in the complaint..." Mr David Rees for Mr Seifert; Mr Paul Newman for Mr Lynch and Mr Helm; Miss Josephine Hayes for Fairmount; Mr Kural in

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said the appellants contended that the Pension Ombudsman's determination was vitiated, not merely by errors of law but by

maladministration, that is, the unjust way he reached it. Both complaints were well made out. Prior to issuing his provisional termination, the ombudsmar had sent to each appellant copies of

and then sent copies of their replies to Mr Kural. On August 4, 1995 Mr Koral had replied to him in a most important letter, not confined to the appellants' answers but making farreaching and damaging further complaints, including that:

1 All company decisions were

made by Mr Helm and live

executive shareholders. Mr Kural, although a director, being excluded from the decision-making 2 The appellants were responsible for the deficit in scheme funds by reason of culpable failures (a) to secure further contributions by the

company and (b) to move the funds 3 The company, if unable to fulfil its financial obligations under the scheme, was breaking the law by continuing to trade and the appel-

fully aware of the situation and failed to carry out their fiduciary 4 Mr Helm was telling untruths.

According to the ombudsman. his failure to disclose his receipt of that letter to any of the appellants had been due to an administrative On October 12, 1995 the ombudsman sent his provisional determ-

ination to the appellants, who had

replied, inter alia: I The finding did not represent or reflect Mr Kural's complaint in any correspondence they had seen; 2 Their entitlement to exoneration under clause 21 had been ignored; 3 The responsibility for nunpayment to Mr Kural of his full entitlement lay with the company,

in failing fully to fund the scheme,

4 Implementation of the directions would give Mr Kural a priority over other members of the scheme to which he was not entitled. The final determination, issued on December 5, 1995, had been essentially unaltered. Mr Kural's

not with the trustees and

the court from the ombudsman dated June 21, 1996, seeking to assist on the issues before it. in the result, not content with upholding a complaint that was not made, the relief the ombuds-

man had granted was not the relief

It was also remarkable that both provisional and final determinations ignored clause 21 of the deed. Such clauses constituted part of the terms on which trustees accepted appointment and provided protection for their conduct as trustees. There had here been no suggestion of any wilful default, nor could there have been.

Finally, the appellants were not guarantors of the sufficiency of the scheme's assets so as to pay Mr 🗭 Kural his full entitlement, nor could they, consistently with the trusts and their obligations to other members, pay Mr Kural more than his fair share. In all the circumstances, there

would be an order that the Pensions Ombudsman pay the other parties costs of their appeals. letter of August 4, 1995 was only Solicitors: Jacobsens: Halls: disclosed under cover of a letter to Sacker & Partners.



and Mr Ben Valentin for the There were two relevant ways of LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT

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VISUAL ART

It may not be the equal of Venice. but the Sydney Biennale offers an engaging show by 46 world artists



THEATRE

The longest-running show in New York history, the musical The Fantasticks, is revived in a genial staging in London





MUSIC 1

A Proms audience is asked to participate as Martyn Brabbins conducts a Tan Dun premiere



The London **Mozart Players** help bomb-damaged Sarajevo reopen its cultural horizons after years of war

■ MUSIC 2

VISUAL ART: This year's Sydney Biennale was short of cash but rich in talent, says Luke Clancy

Low-tech on top down under

he title of this year's Sydney Biennale, Jurassic Technologies Revenant, was one at which locals and visitors alike could hardly resist taking potshots. Even before the three-venue show opened to the public, The Sydney Morning Herald had opened fire. I may not know much about art exhibitions," the Herald said, but I know what I don't understand.

This kind of media reaction might explain, to some extent, why the city of Sydney seemed so unmoved by its Biennale. Even a television campaign featuring Japanese artist Yasumasa Morimura's image of himself disguised, with the aid of a pair of strap-on rubber breasts, as a naked Marilyn Monroe, did not seem to jolt the city into anything like the frenzied state of Venice during its Biennale.

Which is a shame, as Lynne Cooke, the Australian-born curator at the Dia Centre for the Arts in New York, and artistic director of the tenth edition of Australia's biggest festival of contemporary arts, had assembled a diverse, polemical and never less than engaging show that brought together work by 46 interna-

title was not the first that Cooke gave to her show. Advanced publicity had billed this event as Screen Options. an event which was to have been a full-on, bells, whistles and chips multimedia Biennale. Cost and other factors soon intervened and Cooke's sound response was to take the show in entirely the opposite direction.

It was a move that must

the Londonderry artist and former Turner Prize nominee. Willie Doherty. In a forum at Sydney Town Hall about the place of new technology in art, Doherty drew an enthusiastic round of applause when he observed that technology lagged somewhere behind many people's needs: it was just too slow for most artists.

Cooke's switch to a show built on older technologies, overwhelmingly photographic ones, suggests that the notion that digital technology was somehow lumbering in the cultural afterwash is one held by some fascinating

Alongside printing and photography, there is sculptural knitting from Rosemarie Trockel, batik from the American-Indonesian pair of Nia Fliam and Agus Ismoyo, Xrays by Araya Rasdjarmre-arnsook, and huge architectural models from the Swiss team of Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron.

But it was unquestionably the work of photographers. both in still and moving images, that came across most effectively. Doherty's familiar images, often of burntout cars or derelict buildings. are frequently seen only in relation to the political situathe Art Gallery of New South Wales, however, when juxtaposed with the crisp, numb architectural images of Andreas Gursky, or the equally demanding flat, calm monochrome seascapes of Hiroshi Sugimoto, new ideas about the business of giving and taking meaning begin to emerge.

The American artist Glenn Ligon fills one room of the



Douglas Gordon's homage to Hitchcock, 24 Hour Psycho: one of the successes of the tenth Sydney Biennale

gallery with mammoth prints based on newspaper photo-graphs taken at Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam Million Man March last year. Ligon has photocopied the images until pictures originalintended to be blandly uplifting become shadowy rhetorical attractions Farrakhan's project, while at the same time pointing to the sexist and homophobic terms in which the action was

The French photographer Jean-Luc Mylayne gathers his images by setting up his cameras in rural and semirural settings, and waiting for some birdlife to fly into his surprisingly ominous frames.

conceived.

He then displays the resulting images as a sort of accidental narrative, as (in the sequence here) a robin moves about a woodland, as though trapped inside an art thriller it cannot quiet comprehend.

The thrills of cinema were very much to the fore in venues, Artspace in Woolloomooloo. Here a number of artists whose works feed off cinema have been given space together. Alongside Stan Douglas and Tony Oursler, the Scottish artist Douglas Gordon garnered a large portion of the media attention with his 24 Hour Psycho (seen at London's Hayward Gallery earlier this year). Gordon's

piece features Hitchcock's cel-

ebrated film projected so slowly that it lasts an entire day, darkening even the director's most innocuous scenes with a sense of danger.

In the same venue, Claude Closky's video projection, En Avant, seemed to offer a companion piece to Gordon's the seventh art, Closky had trawled through the trailers on rented videos to pick tracking shots, none of them longer than two seconds. Edited into one speedy, seamless sequence, the fragments create a vertiginous trailer of

Squatting close to the lowest rung on the technological ladder did not inhibit Barcelona-based Eulalia Valldosera

from creating one of the most compelling, disarmingly poet-ic works of the show, Love is Sweeter Than Wine. Three Stages of a Relationship.

Through careful positioning on the floor of some beakers of watery wine, lightbulbs, mirrors and a the artist creates three com-

pact DIY movie houses. On the gallery walls, mov-ing shadows offered a flicker of complex but harmonious relationships, before disappearing so quickly that they might have been dreamt. Building virtual worlds, Valldosera effortlessly demonstrates, is a trade that can flourish readily in the absence

tor who calls himself El Gallo.

This dude looks very cool in

his vaguely Spanish clothes and flowing. Byronic locks.

Was it perverse of me, then, to

notice that his vast and glam-

orous wig was held in place by

the sort of curly brown hair-

pins you can buy in Woolies?

BENEDICT

of computers.

The healing harmonies

Andy Lavender joins the London

Mozart Players on a cultural

mission to war-scarred Bosnia

ast week the first train for four years left Sarajevo. By coincidence, six musicians from the London Mozart Players were entering the city by rather different a twin-propeller security flight from Vienna in the first British-sponsored musical visit to Bosnia and break of the war there in 1992. Hostilities ended last winter. and these new comings and goings mark another stage in the country's recuperation.

Seen at first hand, it is as if the shelling still echoes. The palette of violence ranges from the destruction of entire buildings to details such as a bullet hole through the windscreen of a car. A massive international aid operation is changing the face of the city again. Windows are being reglazed, utilities restored and cafés are now plentiful. Even so, there is still a curfew, water and electricity supplies are cur-tailed, and every

building. seems, is pitted with shrapnel

The British Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina, under its director Susan Barnes, is doing its bit to reopen the country's cultural horizons. What could be more cosmopolitan, more civi-

lised, than chamber music? In this spirit the council collaborated with the Swiss Embassy in Sarajevo to import the LMP's chamber

The Dayton agreement of country into two regions: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (a shaky cohabitation between Croats and Muslims) and the Republic of Srpska (predominantly Serbian). Realpolitik insists that everyone is studiously even-handed: Sarajevo is part of the federation. so the LMP also visited Banja Luka, the largest city within the republic.

Culture, in this case, is part of a delicate system of promise and reward. As Charles Crawford, the new British Ambassador to Bosnia, explains: "We're trying to say. This is Europe. We want things to be normal, and there's more of this on offer if

normalisation continues"." Banja Luka looks drab but its cultural authorities have a sense of dash. The concert was proclaimed on the programme as a uniquely Srpskan event. This may mean little to you and me, but to diplomats such as Crawford it is a poke in the eye to those working to pro-NIGHTINGALE | mote national harmony.

But music will be heard. Aside from the statutory congregation of military grandees, the packed audience included a large number of local people. "I felt nervous," said the LMP's leader, David Juritz. "They were very quiet and attentive. They were indeed, until the standing ovation at the end.

You could almost think this de rigueur for the LMP. Juritz tells of a visit to the Musikverein in Vienna, home of the Vienna Philharmonic. "You can imagine an orchestra, with the audacity to call itself the London Mozart Players, going to play Mozart in Vienna," he says drily. "In fact it went very well. We gave four or five curtain calls."

This might betoken a taste for adventurous assignments. but the musicians would be the first to put things into perspective. There were times during the Bosnian conflict when their counterparts in

Sarajevo's orchestra carried **6** Culture is their instruments through the tunnel which part of a ran beneath the delicate airport runway and trekked for six hours to play system of in other friendly cities. Some lost promise and

reward 9

their lives. For the LMP. strangely, there was no standing ovation in Sarajevo. Perhaps the Swiss had organ-

ised the concert a little too much like, well, clockwork. This was an invitation-only affair. Civic dignitaries, diplomats and senior officers were there - what a shame that the been filled with the citizens of

Saraievo. The ensemble played music by Britten, Dvořák, Vivaldi and Mozart, and suddenly the notion of a "privileged" audience took on a different hue. There are few cities in the world where you might have pondered, in the middle of a Mozari divertimento, that there were no shells about to fall, no snipers in wait when

you made your way home.
The ensemble gave an unscheduled al fresco performance on their last day which attracted an inquisitive crowd, not knowing who these gifted players were. For the record, David Juritz, Richard Blayden, Esther Geldard, Sebastian Comberti, Mary Scully and Ileana Ruhemann were among the first British-based musicians to play in Sarajevo since the end of the Bosnian conflict. Twenty thousand people died here during the siege. It seemed right that the players' farewell to the city was anonymous.

Choking on a thick slice of sweet homily



True love conquers all: Jonathon Morris (El Gallo); Katey Crawford Kastin (Luisa); Joseph Millson (Matt)

THERE are at least two reasons why *The Fantasticks* may plausibly be called the

transatlantic Mousetrap. One is that it is the longest-running show in New York history, although at 36 it is almost a decade younger than Agatha Christie's thriller. The other, I fear, is that by the time you reach its denouement, you are unlikely to care much how things turn out.

Dan Crawford's rough-theatre revival cannot claim much more than curiosity value. How could so slight and, on the face of it, un-American a piece have such an appeal over the water? It teaches that, yes, a nice boy may end up hitched to the pretty girl next door, but only after each has received hard knocks from life. Puppy love and instant gratification are no good. Happiness must be earned and marriage solidly based. Even in 1960, those were not messages often trans-mitted by the American musical theatre dream-factory.

But the show's attack on cuteness and romanticism, if one can so dignify it, is awfully cute and romantic itself. Why THEATRE The Fantasticks

King's Head, NI

else would the first half, in

which sweetness and light appear to prevail, bubble on so much longer than the second, which introduces some salutory darkness into the emotional equation? The idea, you see, is that Farmer Bellomy and Farmer Hucklebee have pretended to be feuding in hopes that their children will rebel against them. Joseph Millson's Matt and Katey Crawford Kastin's Luisa duly fall into one another's arms, their callow ardour all the greater because their poppas have primed some actors to abduct the girl and let the boy boldly rescue her. Kastin has lots of gamine

charm, and Millson smiles affably as he bizarrely assures her that "you are love, better far than any metaphor could be". But I cannot say they vastly interested me in their predicament. Maybe that is

enjoyed conversations about the weather, and at times they sing of little else: "Soon it's going to rain. I can see it, soon it's going to rain. I can feel it. soon it's going to rain, I can tell, soon it's going to rain, what'll I do with you?" From your critic there rose a muffled

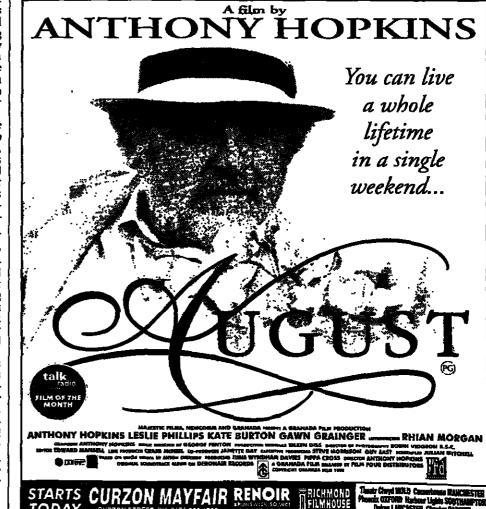
cry: buy a bloody umbrella. Harvey Schmidt's music tinkles pleasantly along, and is certainly a cut above Tom Jones's lyrics (on the virtues of vegetables: "they're depend-able, they're befriendable"). But at least the show has moved into a mildly sceptical mode by this time. Learning that they have been tricked by their dads, Matt and Luisa decide to part. Only after he has spent time in nasty foreign places and she has been betrayed by a smooth wooer do they find real love.

Well, well. It would be absurd for a critic to wax too an, bandit and moral instruc-

heavy about this tiny tootle. unpretentiously staged as is the admirable Crawford and genially played by a cast headed by Jonathon Morris as the blend of narrator, Bohemi-

promisingly with a subtly phrased wind chorus, an-

What Walton's Second lacks in incisive brilliance, it makes



YOU may think that the exhortation in which the audience is requested to participate" was tailor-made for the Proms. It is sometimes difficult to prevent a Proms audience from doing just that. And yet the turnout for the London premiere of Tan Duns Or-chestral Theatre II: Re was surprisingly low. Maybe the Tube strike had something to do with it, or perhaps it was

a cold-fashioned British reserve. In fact, the audience participation in Tan's work is not a gratuitous feature: rather it springs from the Chinese-born American composer's sense of ritual. In a ritual, he notes, there is no audience only participants". Hence his spreading out of the performers round the hall, drawing us

You can hum along to this next number Also receiving its London premiere was Tan's On Tao-

all into the experience. Martyn Brabbins acted the role of high priest co-ordinating the contributions of orchestra (a wellrehearsed BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra), soloist the bass Stephen Richardson) and audience, with Tan as second conductor. Our contribution, rehearsed before the performance, consisted of one episode of sustained humming and another of chanting - derived from Tibetan practice. Tan also gives to the bass

and the two conductors a

BBC PROMS BBC SSO/Brabbins

Albert Hall

waiting mode of vocalisation drawn from Peking opera. Ritual-inspired it may be. but the work is also highly theatrical. You had to be there, to be part of the experience.

And if you were, you were very

probably moved by it.

fashion, emitting a howl from the auditorium, and processing slowly down the steps to the orchestra, alternately vocalising and ringing tiny Chinese bells. More conventional fare was offered in the form of Schu-

ism, which the composer him-

mann's Piano Concerto and Walton's Second Symphony. both under the direction of Brabbins. The former began

swered by a deeply thoughtful statement from the soloist Lars Vogt. Somewhere along the line the account lost that very special quality, though it was never less than elegantly projected by both soloist and orchestra,

up for in succinctness, refinement and introspection. One or two of the more brazen passages would have benefited from tighter ensemble and razor-sharp precision. But the restrained quality of the work was acknowledged, and the subdued mood of the slow

movement well captured. BARRY MILLINGTON



■ CHOICE 1

Donald Runnicles conducts the opening concert at Edinburgh VENUE: Sunday night at the Usher Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Yuri Bashmet plays Schnittke's Viola Concerto with the RNO at the Proms VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall

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■ CHOICE 3

R & B man Charles Brown joins the line-up at the **Brecon Jazz Festival** VENUE: Today until



FESTIVAL

The National Eisteddfod crowns its bard as it celebrates the best of Welsh language and culture

EDINBURGH

The 50th Edinburgh International Festival (box office 0131-225 5756) — a celebration of the very best music, thoatre, opera and dence from around the world — begins on Sunday and continues until August 31

Sunday's Opening Concert (Ushor Hall, 0131-228 1155, 8pm) rejoices in the theme of artistic collaboration and instruction which inspired the first inspiration which inspired the first Fostival in 1947. Donald Rumnicles conducts the Royal Southish National Orchestra and the Edinburgh Festival Chorus in Schoenberg's A Survivor from Warsate and Beethoven's monumental Chorus Survivors. Choral Symphony

Also on Sunday, the **50th Edinburgh** Festival Fringe (inquines 0131-226 5257, lickets 0131-226 5738) officially gets under way, with 14,060 performances of 1,238 shows in 187 venues. Among the many shows which begin on Sunday is Portrail of a Woman, presented by the Scottish theatre company Communicado (Traverse, 0131-228 7404). Over at the Traverse, 0131-228 1404) Over at the Quoen's Hail (0131-868 2019), the School of Theatre at the Catromian Institute of the Aris presents Deutre, W.B. Yeals's compelling drama based on a Cettic legend. City of Love, Toby Mitchell's latest tantalising comedy, is eligible for a Fringe Frist (Porman Eegle Lodge, 0131-225 1226). Lastly, the talented a cappella group. The Condes will be appearing all Marco's until August 25, with performances at the Queen's Hail on August 12 and 13.

■ DIAL "N" FOR MURDER Peter Davison and Catherine Rabett in Frederick knott's classically ingenious thriter, dating from the days before the all-digit phone number. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avonue, W1 (0171-494 5070), Now previewing, 8pm Opens Aug 13, 8pm, Then Mon-Fri, Opens Aug 13, 8pm, Then Mon-Fr. 8pm, Sal 8 15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat 5pm

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☐ **HEDDA GABLER** A chance for London to see Alexandra Gibreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen lowin's production for English Touring

Theare **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 31 ☐ AN IDEAL HUSBAND Peler Half's Claimed Haymankel production, with Diane Flatcher, David Rintoul, Nichy Henson, Farr Thomson, Google Withors and John McCallum Old Vic, Walerloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616 Mor-Sal, 7-30pm, mats Wed and Call John Sat 3pm

THE MEMORY OF WATER, Terry Johnson deeds play by new author Shelagh Stephenson, set among the squabbles that follow a mother's luneral, though she still appears in the play

AUGUST (PG) Aukward film of Uncle Varnya transferred to Wales in the late 19th century, directed by, and stanning, Anthony Hopkins, With Lastie Philips

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ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

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comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Amold and Jessica

and Kate Button Curzon Maytair (0171-369 1720) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Richmon

NEW RELEASES

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts compiled by Gillian Maxey

The Edinburgh Film Festival is The Edinburgh Film Feethval is celebrating its half century also, opening with Dragorhean, starring Dennis Cuard and Sean Connery as the violes of the dragon (Sunday and Monday, Odeon, Clerk Street). Over the next two weeks, more than 300 films will be shown all onemas across the city (frl.31-229 2550 for further information). Meanwhite, a variety of exhibitions are being presented throughout the city's art gallenes during the Festival period (0131-556 8921 for information).

LONDON LONDON

BBC PROMS 96 The Ruselan
National Orchestra make is second appearance in two days with a programme that includes Haydin's Surprise Symphony, Schmitike's Vlota Concerto (soloist Yun Bashmet) and Proxofiev's genal Seventh Symphony (ronght, 7 3pm), Mikhail Pietnev is the conductor at this, and the orchestra's concert at the Harrogate International Festival Informore (01423 585 757) On Saturday (7 30pm), Paul Deniel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Great Bettain in Gershwin's classic An American in Pans, Vaterse's Amériques and Stravinsky's Rife of Spring Sunday is Stravinsky Day members of Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group perform a semi-staged version of The Soldier's Tale (4pm), Oliver Knussen conducts Stravinsky's The Farry's Kiss and The Flood (6 30pm), and, at 9 30pm, the Taverner Choir performs the Cantata and Mass: Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Today-Sun. ELSEWHERE BRECON: The annual Brecon Jazz festival is once again set to take over this prefty Welsh market fown. Highlights of the 90 concerts due to take place over

the 90 concerts due to take place over the next three days include performances on Saturday by the Joshua Redmen Quintet, the alto-saxophonast Phil Woods and the R & B singer-plants! Charles Brown On Sunday, the line-up includes Jerry Gonzalez and the Fort Apache Band, the saxophonast Joe Henderson and swing veteran litinose Jacquet Feethval box office (01874 625 557) Today-Sun, various times and venues LONDON GALLERIES

Courtauld. The Four Elements (0171-873 2526) . Hayward: Claes Oldenburg (0171-928 3144) . National Gallery Degas (0171-747 2885) . National Portroit Gallery Assembling the Family (0171-306 0055) Royal Academy. Summer Entiberon (0171-439 7438) . Tate. Leon Kossoft (0171-439 7438) . Tate. Leon Kossoft (0171-887 8000) . Whitechapel The Open (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

Cast includes Mary Jo Randle and Haydn Gwynne Hampstead, Swss Cotlage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm Last week,

MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL lormed in Romanian, but to judge by Art-Inter Odeon's last production seen here, the magnificent Richard III, with the same director and actor (Miha) Manufu, Marcel lures), language will be no bar to a powerful experience Almeida, Almeida Street, NT (0171-359 4404), Tue-Sat. 8pm. Last week. ☐ PASSION An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Mana Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunler who gets her

Cuser's, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mals Wed and Sat, 3pm E ROMEO AND JULIET LUCY things in Adrian Noble's so-soproduction from last year's Stratford Barblean, Sik Street EC2 (0171-638 6891) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat Sal. 2pm In rep (§)

n With Michael Ball

Russet Beale and Adrian Scarborough play the attendant lords in Stoppard's first play, still entenaining after 30 years.
National (Lytetron), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Toroght-Tue, 7 30pm, mats Sat and Tue, 2 15pm (2)

☐ THE TEMPEST Excellent Dens Outley plays Prospero in Patrick Gerland's production Expect magic Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431), Tonight-Tue, 8pm, mai Sat,

☐ ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD: Smooth

☐ VÖYEURZ: Loud, trilleting and lestians in New York. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-389 1735), Mon-Thurs, 8 45pm, Fin and Sat, 7cm and 1 5cm. 7pm and 9 15pm

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where ndicated with the symbol •)

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BLOOD SIMPLE (18) Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut eature, made in 1983, a litim not With John Getz, Francis McDormand Gate (0171-727 4043) Renote (0171-837 8402) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen on the Hill (0171-435 3366) Virgin Haymarket (0171-839 1527)

◆ FLIPPER (PG) A surly teenager unbends with a dolphin Unimaginative tamily lifm, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan Director, Alan Shapiro, MGM Trocadero (2) (0171–434 0031) Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) Plaza (0300 838990) UCI Whiteleys Plaza (0990 898990) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888 990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Warner (5) (0171-437

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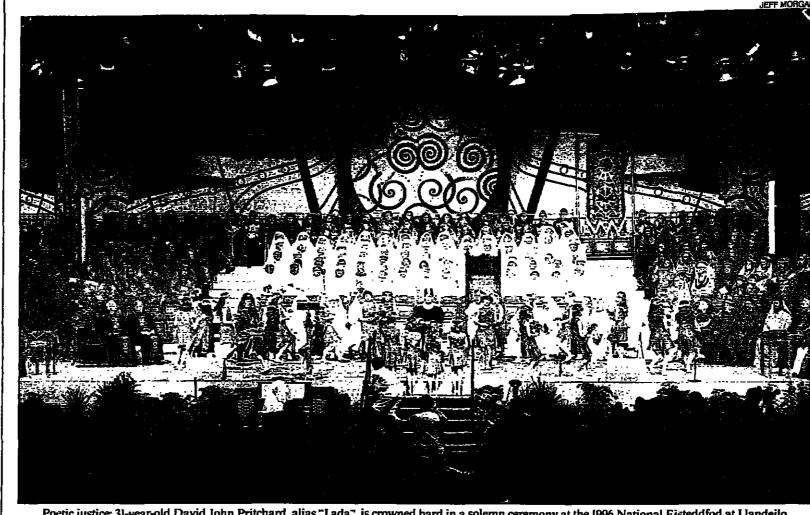
Lundy, Director, John Landis Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH peach vo, arging across the Atlantic Excellent animated version of Roald Dahi's book, from the team behind. The Nightmare Before Christmas Director.

Henry Selick.
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◆ MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND (L) Kermi and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic Jolly addition to the Murpet move saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mile Leigh's Cannes inumph an uneven but absorbing tale about lamily life, its absorbing late about name ite, its paris, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spatt ABCs: Parition Street (0171-830 0631) Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6678) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914868) Mazzaniane (5) (1426 915683) Swiss Cottons (01426 915683)

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS (15) Pleasant romantic cornect about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garolalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Garolaio, Uma Thurman and Ben Chapin Director Michael Lehmann. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (01426-914 666 Ritay (0171-737 2121) Screen/Hill (() (0171-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (2) (1090 88690) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Warmer (0171-474 443) Sunday in Brecon



Heather Neill finds Welsh culture and language in fine voice at the Eisteddfod

Poetic justice: 31-year-old David John Pritchard. alias "Lada", is crowned bard in a solemn ceremony at the 1996 National Eisteddfod at Llandeilo

Set piece in the valleys

Eli Jenkins, in Under Milk Wood, "we are a musical Dylan Thomas's chronicle of small-town Wales would not have been eligible in any category at the National Eisteddfod - Welsh is compulsory for all competitions - but the sentiment still holds good there. In the streets of Llandeilo, the venue for this year's celebration of Welsh language and culture, even the late-night drunks are singing hymns in threepart harmony.

The sprawling festival encampment is beyond the little Caernarvonshire town's ancient bridge over the River Tywi, in the shadow of Dinefwr Castle, seat of the 12th-century scourge of the Normans, Lord Rhys. It was he who instigated the first eisteddfod, in Cardigan, in 1176.

The modern festival, revived in the 19th century, still smacks of Victorian Nonconformist respectability. The field is alcohol-free and on the Sunday, the day after the opening, nothing happened at all until the evening, when Bryn Terfel, the larger-than-life bass baritone. led a rousing Elijah - in Welsh. Nearly 4,000 people packed the main pavilion, the tickets having been snapped up within hours in February. Mendelssohn's oratorio, acceptable 19th-century Sunday fare - a biblical work with none of the theatrical distractions of opera - is still popular and was ecstatically received by a knowledgeable audience.

By Monday, when a record 24,000 people came through the turnstiles. something more of modern Wales was in evidence. While young performers competed for prizes in singing and step dancing. Welsh pop music blared from

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some of the 300 stalls around the Man. who said they looked to Wales ground outside. Here you can buy Welsh pottery, chutney, CDs, books and knitwear and even sign a petition for a Welsh parliament. In the craft tent there is an exhibition of winning examples of woodwork, architecture, fine art and photography and an evocative display of early 20th-century work by the local photographer D. C. Harries. Dance; drama, sport, science and displays by potters and wood turners have their place too, but the heart of the proceed-

the Welsh language. Children are admonished, transactions concluded and tickets sold in Welsh. If you cannot answer when spoken to, the usual result is a smile, an apology and an effortless slip into English. But there is, inevitably, some tension behind the "croeso" (wel-

ings is still music and

comei banners. Last week some militant members of the Gorsedd (the official bardic circle) were summarily banned for insulting the Queen by affixing stamps upside down. It was a sign that the organisers know that while the ascendancy of Welsh must be observed within the context of the Eisteddfod (and many would say Wales generally), interested outsiders need not be excluded. At the crowning ceremony on Monday, the success of Welsh as a living language was acknowledged by representatives from other Celtic nations, including Brittany, Cornwall and the Isle of

for inspiration. The newly crowned bard, 31-year-old

David John Pritchard, an assistant curator at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth, can claim to be contributing to the development of modern Welsh. The crown, awarded for a free-verse poem up to 200 lines long on a given subject, is one of the premier prizes of the Eisteddfod. matched only by the chair for poetry in

At 4.30pm on Mon-

day I was in my

place, instantaneous

translation at the

ready to compensate

for the gaps in my

The bards, literary

and musical, entered

in solemn procession

in their druidical

robes, green, blue

and white, the elected

childhood Welsh.

6 A shy, young man stood up to be dressed in purple and led to the stage **7**

archdruid followed by previous archdruids resplendent in cloth of gold. Dozens of small girls from local schools. wearing green tunics and flowers in their hair, prepared to greet the new bard with the traditional flower dance. while their elders held the horn and sheath of plenty in readiness for the

ceremonial. The adjudication was given by Gwyn Erfyl, one of three judges in the free-verse category. He had some unflattering things to say about many of the 35 entries on the subject of "wheels". finding "some excellent tweed in need of better tailoring". But the judges were unanimous, he said, in

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choosing the winner because he spoke with a fresh voice about contemporary matters - single parenting, unemployment and joyriding - using humour instead of the more usual "hiraeth" (a kind of nostalgic longing or regret).

All entrants adopt a pseudonym so the strangely incongruous call went out for "Lada" to reveal himself. A shy. bespectacled young man stood in the audience to be dressed in purple and led to the stage (later, asked about his choice of name, he modestly said that he thought other young poets repre-sented the Ferraris to his less glamorous vehicle).

"A oes heddwch?" Is there peace, the archdruid asked three times as the ceremonial sword was unsheathed. It could be put safely away: "This is a peaceful occasion," the translator reminded me.

Erfyl said that Pritchard's poem is written in the "rare harsh sounds of Welsh today, ugly and beautiful". Modern Welsh, some of it harsh, was in action later that evening at the Noson Lawen, a rumbustious variety show of local talent.

Planning the Eisteddfod (and raising the necessary money - sponsorship is generous) takes time. Sites have been decided, alternatively in North and South Wales, until 2004 and the permanent Eisteddfod staff already

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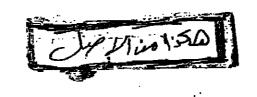
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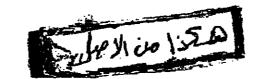
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■ POP 4

Twenty-one years since the release of her first album, and Patti Smith still performs with unravaged power

CONCERT

Perfect punk power

IT IS now 21 years since Patti Smith released her groundbreaking debut album. Horses. But to see her wearing the same kind of white shirt. loosely slung tie and man's jacket that she wore on the record's famous Robert Mapplethorpe cover, you would hardly notice the pass-

Sure, her long dark hair is streaked with grey and she drew attention to the fact that she now needs glasses to read her poetry, but as soon as she launched into the opening Piss Factory, it was obvious that the power of her performance remains unchanged.

Smith has not played in London since 1979 and was fortunate to have with her two members of the original Patti Smith Group - guitarist

> Patti Smith Empire, W12

Lenny Kaye and drummer Jay Dee Daugherty - plus Tom Verlaine, another veteran of the New York punk scene. bassist Tony Shanahan and guitarist Oliver Ray, all of whom played on Gone Again. her recent comeback album.

One obvious addition to Smith's band was her 13-yearold son Jackson, who led everyone through an unlikely cover of Deep Purple's Smoke on the Water.

The majority of the set however, revolved around songs that the audience had expected to hear, including Dancing Barefoot and the 1978 hit single Because the Night. But it was the old sones from Horses, particularly a stunning rendition of Free that stand up to domestic Money, and the new ones from Gone Again that brought out the best in Smith.

For the encore, Smith, Daugherty and Shanahan did an acoustic version of the Doors' Crystal Ship, and were then joined by the whole band and Horses producer John Cale to perform Land and Gloria, with all their original passion intact. She returned on her own to sing Farewell Reel, which she dedicated to her late husband, Fred "Sonic" Smith. But, after playing the wrong chord several times, she laughed at her mistakes. and eventually sang it a cappella, while the crowd clapped a rough accompaniment. In an age of all kinds of technical safety nets, it was gratifying to be able to hear the power of Parti Smith's

unravaged voice. ANN SCANLON | Copyright CIN

NEW RELEASES: Alan Jackson on a drum'n'bass album for safe domestic consumption Roll up the old Axminster

ALBUMS

ALEX REECE

So Far (Island BRCD 621/524 265-2) THERE must be thousands of mainstream music consumers who were unaware of the concept of drum'n bass until Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn used it to frame and gently enliven the songs on Everything But The Girl's excellent recent LP, Walking Wounded. But that was drum'n bass on its best behaviour, dressed nicely and under strict instructions not to upset the neighbours: the sometimes unremitting and anti-melodic nature of its hardcore, clubland self is liable to have come as a shock to any EBTG fans emboldened enough to explore the

The 26-year-old west London DJ and remixer Alex Reece would doubtless bristle at being described as the acceptable face of this currently high-fashion styling. However, on the evidence of this debut album, he may offer a useful way in for those listeners who only feel comfortable when there is something approaching a tune to be whistled.

genre further.

With its jazz flavourings and jungle beats, So Far hardly qualifies as instrumental easy listening, but there is a seductive, high summer feel to many of its tracks (the recent hit single Feel the Sunshine represents a good starting point for the timid) and a warmth to the bass lines missing in the work of many other young and more deliberately underground exponents. With repeated play, the album becomes hypnotic almost, with all kinds of subtle hooks and percussive tricks revealconsumption are few and far between, but this musically strong and highly enjoyable set is definitely one of them.

JOYRIDER Be Special (Paradox/A&M

PDOXCD005} THE shadow of U2 blighted emergent Irish bands for the best part of a decade, and it has been especially pleasing to see younger acts as diverse as

Jagged Little Pill

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TOP TEN ALBUMS

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time out, with the two best songs, Walls and Angel

Dream, each given a reprise.

And if it should turn around

his fortunes in Britain, Petty

will probably have Aniston's

current media-sexy status to

Therapy?, Ash and Pet Lamb breaking through with barely a power chord or stadium pose between them. It was on Blunt, the inde-

pendent label co-owned by Andy Cairns of Therapy?, that this Portadown quartet were first heard. Now, thanks to a distribution deal with a major player, A&M, a wider audience is being made aware of their short, spiky, guitar-driv-

A recent cover of the former Go-Go's singer Jane Wiedlin's Rush Hour gave them a first chart hit but could encourage perceptions of them as a novelty act. However, the 14 fast and often furious tracks

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Motion Picture She's The One (Warner Bros 9362-46285-2) STILL a multi-platinum hero at home in America. Petty seems destined to be forever linked in the minds of British record buyers with the early 1980s - someone whose albums you might have bought as an alternative to Spandau Ballet and Wham!.

His last studio set. 1994's Wallflowers, marked the end of a long-standing creative partnership with producer Jeff Lynn, teaming him instead with the altogether more hip Rick Rubin. That detail apart. it was pretty much business as usual - equal parts formula Wishing From The Top (Warner Bros 9362-45642-2) THIS New York jazz poet is reputed to be a phenomenal presence when performing live, and her intelligent, lifeaffirming and frequently humorous album goes at least some of the way to pinpointing why. Bryant handles material that is potentially scabrous ther adolescent strategies for hip and breast enlargement), schmaltzy ta southern Baptist church congregation) or plain embarrassing (a hymn to Chaka Khan) with ripe humour and genuine insight, to a

The styles range from R&B and gospel to slickly modern soul, with Bryant's oh-so-welldelivered narratives acting as the unifying force. Left-field but recommended.

musical background provided

by singer Carleen Anderson

and members of Arrested

Development, among others.

SINGLE

NAS If I Ruled The World (Imagine That) (Columbia o63402 2) WITH hip-hop having recently underlined its commercial potential in Britain via the Fugees' chart-topping Killing Me Softly, the time could scarcely be better for the release of this, the current American No I. American rapper Nas made a giant impact on the genre with a 1994 debut, Illmatic, and now also heads his native album charts with the follow-up, It Was Written. Reasons why the same success should be emulated here? Well, it is smart, provocative and radiofriendly. But, perhaps most tellingly of all, it also features Fugees star Lauryn Hill on guest vocals. Coming at you

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JAZZ ALBUMS

Grand old lady

THE MARIAN McPARTLAND TRIO Live at Yoshi's Nitespot (Concord CCD-4712) THIS delightfully relaxed yet

highly accomplished set

catches 70-year-old Marian McPartland doing what she does best: entertaining an attentive and appreciative audience in an informal setting. Much of McPartland's material — if not her adventurous interpretations of it - is mainstream piano-trio fare (Ellington, standards and show tunes), but she has always kept abreast of musical tions by Thelonius Monk. Charlie Parker, Clare Fischer and even Ornette Coleman are also prominent in her repertoire, and such is the skill, wit

and versatility of the leader

and her rhythm section -

bassist Bill Douglass and

drummer Glenn Davis - that

the album is both diverse and

coherent. JOSE NETO In Memory of Thunder

(B&W Music BW056) ON THIS, his second solo venture for B&W, the Brazilian guitarist José Neto and his regular quartet - keyboard player Frank Martin, bassist Gary Brown and drummer Celso Alberty - move easily between pounding, riff-based rock, airy Latin shuffles, slowbuilding jazz-rock anthems and multitextured acoustic meditations laced with subtle rhythmic effects ranging from African talking drums to the customary panoply of South American percussion.

Neto is most remarkable for his startling textural variety and close attention to details of timbre and tone, but his extended wah-wah solo on the album's stand-out track, Silvia, will delight all who still fret about finding a worthy successor to Neto's chief inspi-

CHRIS PARKER

Dasis – the cover versions

ost of us would need a brain transplant to get our heads around just how famous Oasis are. They are super huge colossal news with a side order of "Cor, that's big". So massive that, should you wish to purchase Noel Gallagher's favourite brand of guitar, you would have to put your name on a six-month waiting list. So massive that when Liam modelled a zip-up anorak not the most likely item of fashion - they sold out in-

And, of course, when a band get to this level of fame, where even the minutiae is news. then innumerable biographies are not far behind. But when a band are only two albums into their career, there has to be a hunger for enough biographical detail - known in the trade as "wobbling on to reach your word count" - in order to fill a book.
Oasis have not really done

that much. truth be told. Liam has "done it" with a few women. Noel has written some top tunes, they have sold out dozens of big gigs and taken loads of drugs. But there. I have written the Ousis story in 27 words, and books have to be at least 60,000 or thereabouts. Let's check out the quality of this month's

biographical padding.
Mick Middles's Round Their Way is published by the throughly admirable Independent Press, a bedroom operation that gives star-struck writers a chance to hyperventilate between paperback cov-

Only two albums into their career, Manchester's most famous brothers are already the stuff of biography ers for £9.00. Middles's previous subjects include the

Smiths. Lisa Stansfield and Simply Red.
Middles knows his Manchester pop and sees Oasis as the logical conclusions to a musical family tree that stretches back through Happy Mondays. Stone Roses, the

New

Order, Joy Division and the Buzzcocks. His interview with Clint Boon of the Inspiral Carpets. worked as a roadie. is revealing: Boon talks of Gallagher's talent for learning how the music industry works and how best to use it to

Smiths.

your own ends. Sadly, the illumination ends there - it seems that Middles was not given access to anyone within the Oasis camp, and he mainly had to rely on press cuttings and rumour. Round Their Way is a more detailed and comprehensive book on Oasis than the previous cutand-paste jobs that have cluttered the bookshelves recently. but the bread-and-butter prose and lack of anything even vaguely exciting mark this as a purchase for the diehard fan

who actively enjoys the

oblique torture of dull writing.

Until last year, it was a fairly good bet that Ian Robertson was one of the people who denied Middles access to his heroes - Robertson tour-managed Oasis from August 1994 to September 1995 and was in charge of a fair part of Oasis's lives: bar bills, booking bed-

rooms and handing out back-

stage passes. Robertson's What's the Story? moves along at a cracking pace his sub-Kerouac alliterative style manages to convey something of the drug-wagon he and his charges rode Japan. across Europe and America. and you sense **MORAN** there was only a thin barricade of libel laws between us, the

> ingness to spill each and every Although Robertson is airing enough dirty underwear to keep a laundromat busy for a year, it never seems like a gutter-based kiss-and-tell eash-in. He has a genuine eagerness to let us all imagine. for a while, that we are part of Oasis's inner sanctum. His description of the Gallagher

brothers' relationship is en-

lightening - one section of

dialogue recounts a late-night.

public, and Robertson's will-

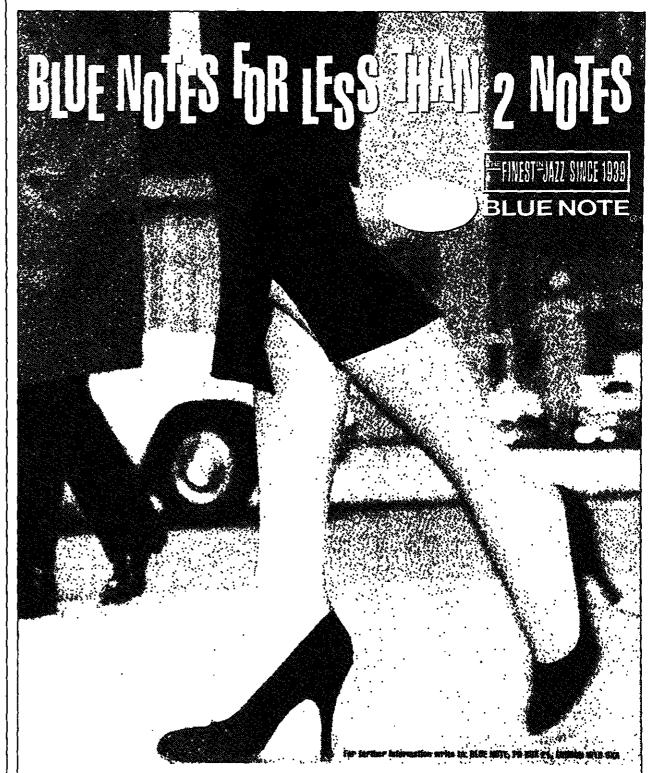
drunken conversation between Noel and Robertson:

Robertson: "Noel, all he [Liam] wants is one person's approval - yours. Just one gesture from you to say, 'Liam. nobody could do what you do with my songs'. I don't mean in print, Noel, but to his face. to his heart. I'm pretty sure that'll sort out a lot of problems your brother is having." Noel: "It's not going to happen. Never. I give him my songs to sing. How much more approval does he need beyond that? He gets to sing my songs: that's all I'll give

And indeed, the young Liam does seem to have a lot of problems. Robertson goes a long way to explaining just why Gallagher minor is the way he is — a burning bundle of rage who can snap into a monster fit at a second's notice. He comes across as an idiot savant, driven by emotions he was never given the words to explain or release, but blessed with a voice that sounds like a man who has just realised how large infinity really is. He appears to be the rock a roll version of Dustin Hoffman's character in Rain-

And, for that illumination alone. What's the Story? deserves to stay on the hestselling list for a long time to come.

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Sir Ron, who has already overseen reviews of both the national curriculum and qualifications, was appointed chairman of the Government's committee of inquiry into higher education in February. He says there are no sacred cows. although his terms of reference do not permit any thought of "downsizing" the expanded university sector.

The conundrum is whether further expansion, beyond the 30 per cent participation rate of 18-year-olds, is necessary, and how Britain pays for the amount of higher education it

Sir Ron has already been struck by the huge financial investment of Japanese stu-

> **Technical** education is a major issue in Australia

dents in their higher education. If this, or the Antipodean example, is followed, students here will not only be paying more for their living costs but also contributing to the cost of

Privately he has already disappointed vice-chancellors by telling them his timetable is too tight for an interim report. They had hoped Sir Ron's wise words would force politicians fighting the next general election to state where they stood on the fundamental funding and expansion issues.

Since the inquiry was announced, attitudes seem to be hardening all round on funding and on the issue of student contributions in particular. Sir Ron's peregrinations suggest that he may head in a similar

The National Union of Students voted in March to abandon its call for grants to return to 1979 levels and to campaign instead for a fair loans system. The CBI has placed its policy of opposition to students pay ing any part of their course fees under review. And vicechancellors themselves now say tuition fees are inevitable.

Diana Warwick, the chief executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, says: "Vice-chancellors see them as inevitable because without some income stream ties, it is going to be enormous-

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Sir Ron Dearing is looking at Japan and Australia in his higher education review, David Charter reports



ly difficult to ensure that the funding issue is addressed. If this does happen, every institution recognises that there will have to be a system of scholarships which ensures the worst-off students will not be disadvantaged."

Speaking just before heading Down Under, to investi gate a system where students pay both their living costs and a contribution of roughly 20 per cent, on average £1,130 a year, to universities for the cost of their tuition. Sir Ron refused to be drawn on any conclusions which might emerge when he presents his findings next summer.

Besides Australia, Sir Ron has so far visited Japan. He was struck by the diversity of provision, the huge participa-tion rate and the sizeable financial commitment of students and their families.

sity degree and a two-year course leading to an associate degree. Participation of the two together is 43 per cent and tion until the age of 18. Of the four million students, three million are in the private

here are two main brands of higher education in Jadan," Sir kon says. "There is the four-year univer-95 per cent continue in educa-

Alongside the higher education options, almost one in five

Japanese 18-year-olds goes to colleges for technical training. Students often take an extra year after leaving school to prepare and compete in entry examinations for a place at one of the top universities. They are expected to pay a

> charge average tuition fees of about £4,400 a year. There is a loan scheme to help with maintenance, but fewer than one in ten students joins. This intrigues Sir Ron, even though he is conscious of cultural reasons for differences in a country where 400 universities are private and

great deal more towards their

education. Private universitie

just 150 public. "The national scheme for

maintenance is not very extensively used. They are able to apply for a loan bearing no interest while studying, but interest wine studying, but interest of 3 per cent a year is charged after the borrower has graduated," he says. "Families there accept that it is

a very significant cost." He is also struck by the demand for technical training. I was interested in finding out the scale of participation and the diversity of the provision. We fall down in this country at technician level," he says.

There is a much greater commitment at the age of 18 in the breadth of education, as there is throughout the world. The four-year university course is thought of as two and two, with the first two years quite broad and the final two more specialised."

Technical education is also a major issue in Australia. Sir Ron says: "In Japan there is a very big sector providing a two-year post-18 course in

> Japanese students pay fees of £4,400 a year

technical education. In Australia they have got participation to 30 per cent and the issue there is not so much about expanding higher education but increasing technical and further education."

Vocational training could well figure strongly in Sir Ron's final report, given his commitment to providing higher education opportunities for all sections of society. He says: "I would be very surprised if the committee did not want to encourage diversi-ty in education. That must be one of the strengths of the system. It is no good having a diverse population and giving them the same university

experience. The timing of his visit to Australia could also be crucial. He arrives as the Government is preparing a Budget which is likely to look to higher education for savings, which would only hit students harder.

Sir Ron says education is still important for education's sake but he also looks East to inspiration cited by Lord Robbins in the last major inquiry into higher education in 1963. "Confucius said it was not easy to find a man who had studied for three years without aiming at pay," says Sir Ron.

It seems students will need to be ever more mindful of these words of wisdom if the experience of Australia and Japan are anything to go by.

The patients who can't stop learning

Treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital includes

school lessons - and the pupils are keen to attend

n 1953 a lone teacher, aided by only a basket of books, started a school for the patients of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in central London. Today, the Children's Hospital School, Great Ormond Street, is housed in a wonderfully well-equipped area, however cramped in size, and has a team of 19 teachers.

The task of the school is daunting. It works as an integral part of the hospital's curing regime and the teachers are multidisciplinary. Mentally and physically ill children of all abilities. all nationalities and all ages from five to 19 are taught, and brothers and sisters of longstay patients who would like to be near them are invited to

attend as well. The school is not the only hospital school in Britain but because Great Ormond Street Hospital is a tertiary referral centre it receives children from all over the country and, indeed, all parts of the world.

ore than half of the children benefiting from the school at any one time are very sick and unable to come down to the classroom on the ground floor. However, no child is considered too ill to be taught, however gently, and even those in intensive care receive

Teaching is based on the national curriculum, but there is great flexibility in adapting it: the number of children being taught, where they are

taught and what they are able to manage, changes each day. In addition to normal schooling, there is a computer workshop (essential for children who for different reasons are unable to write), art, science and technology and music workshops - but space is at a premium.

Yvonne Hill, who has been at the school for 11 years, says that where possible the school liaises with the child's permanent school on the work he or

she should be doing.

The majority of children need individual attention because of their different learning abilities and powers of concentration, but, says Ms Hill, the school does not favour special needs teachers over teachers with really good mainstream experience. "You would be surprised at how popular the idea of being a teacher here is. People do not realise what demanding and challenging work it is. Some of them mistakenly see it as a bolthole from the harshness of the teaching world — which it most definitely is not."

Some of the foreign children cannot speak English. Between them the teachers can speak French, German, Punjabi, Urdu and Italian, and there is an Arabic translator. The children are eager to

get down to the classroom, rather than be taught on the ward. It gives them a sense of normality," Ms Hill says. "We set out to bring the world to them. Even the very sick can be motivated." Parents are encouraged to sit in and

nurses will often stay with

I went with the music teacher, a special-needs teacher, as she did her rounds of the wards. One of her pupils was a child with cerebral palsy. He lay on a mattress on the floor beside his cot bed, unable to control his limb movements. but his spasms decreased when she started to play her guitar and a big smile spread across his face. "I try to find the sounds that stimulate his mind," she said. I then stood at the door of the intensive care unit watching a teacher with a child on a ventilator.

ast year the school switched to grant-main-I tained status. "It was the best thing for us," Ms Hill says. After the demise of the Inner London Education Authority, the school became the responsibility of Camden. Dire cuts followed, as they did for other schools under the council's wing. The number of teachers was cut to 12. Lady Rhys Williams, then chairman of governors, went directly to the Government to ensure that impending grant-maintained legislation would include hospital schools.

"Now we have more money. but more work and responsibility," Ms Hill says. One of their ideas for the future is to provide teaching during halfterms and holidays because the school is seen as such a morale builder and support for the children.

SUSAN MACDONALD



The Children's Hospital School. Great Ormond Street, has students from all over the world (1

Industry backs an ambitious plan for Britain's first school centre for teaching the language of millions

Bahasa in Buckinghamshire

of Bahasa is to be created using more than £200,000 raised by a Buckinghamshire boys' grammar school.

As there is no GCSE or A level in the subject, the Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe has teamed up with a university to have a course

Bahasa, the offical language of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singa-pore, Brunei and parts of Thailand, is spoken by 250 million people.

David Levin, head teacher

of the grant-maintained school, believes the region will be a significant growth area in the future and has lined up an impressive list of commercial sponsors who agree. "I am hoping the defining characteristic or development of my headship will be internationalising the curriculum," says Mr Levin, a South African appointed four years ago. £100,000.

"I want the boys thinking international, and to that end I want them using the Internet and developing links with schools abroad. Britain has long cultural and historical links with South-East Asia, which is the fastest growing economic region in the world.

His vision is shared by heavyweight commercial backers. HSBC Holdings, owners of the Midland Bank, has put up £50,000, Research Machines £22,000. Vickers £15,000, Rolls-Royce £15,000 and British Aerospace £10,000. Securing this money enabled the school to bid successfully to become a specialised language college. qualifying for the maximum matching funds available from the Government of

Mr Levin says it took less than a month to secure the firms' backing, such was their enthusiasm for the project. The money will be used to build a multimedia centre to enable all his students to see how pupils in other countries tackle mathematics, geography, history and science.

By using the Internet we will have joint information exchanges so that we can work on projects together with schools abroad," he says. Under Buckinghamshire County Council's uniquely

preserved grammar and sec-

ondary modern school system. local boys compete for entry to the school when they are 12 and the brightest 25 per cent qualify for a place. The language college plans will not affect this.

ahasa will be offered to Sixth-formers along-side their A and AS levels, starting with the first 16 volunteers in September. There were 67 applications. Experts from the School of

Oriental and African Studies, part of the University of London, are devising the 36week programme and will teach the boys. Language will make up two thirds of the course, with cultural studies the remaining third. Students

university certificate at the end of their first sixth-form year or continue to take the International Baccalaureate module in South-East Asian studies

the following year. John Bond, group chief executive of HSBC, says: "We perceive there is a lack of knowledge about Asia in Britain and want to use our educational donation budget to support a reversal of this. The Royal Grammar School has put together an imaginative proposal."

Sir Colin Chandler, the chief executive of Vickers, says: The world is becoming a global village and, although English is becoming the universal language, you do detect

a growth in linguistic nationalism, where people have to speak English but rather resent it. They like it if there is an attempt to speak their own language. Bahasa is the lan-guage of Malaysia and Indonesia, which is a massive market, and one does feel keen

that the UK gets up to speed." Mr Levin flies out to Malaysia next Friday to meet education ministers with a view to setting up work-experience exchanges for his pupils and staff, whether or not they have mastered Bahasa. "We have got to teach our boys not just how to solve quadratic equations but also to have an international mind-set," he says. "We are also keen to remain a community grammar school and show that all students can take up the international baton."

DAVID CHARTER

No pupil should have to attend a failing school

n his article ("Hands off our school!", August 2), Moham-med Mehmet, chairman of governors at The Langham School. Haringey, questioned the role of education associations (EAs) in tackling ineffective schools.

Raising standards in all our schools is central to this Government's reforms in education. It lies behind our introduction of the national curriculum, with testing and assessment, publication of results and regular inspection of schools. We have also given schools much greater powers to run their

Independent inspection has rerealed many excellent schools. But it also reveals that about 2 per cent are failing their pupils. Hence the 'special measures" we introduced in 1993. I believe that the power available to the Secretary of State to

Robin Squire explains how education associations work

transfer schools to an EA is a key part of the success of this regime. Already ten failing schools have been restored to full health.

I agree with Mr Mehmet that a powerful stimulus in the many success stories has been the threat of intervention by the Secretary of State. It can indeed bring about the local partnership necessary to follow "a determined programme of change and improvement".

Where this partnership is not producing results, the Secretary of State can transfer a school to an EA. The North East London Education Association, appointed to take over Hackney Downs School last year. included an academic expert in school failure, an ex-council chief education officer, a former indepen-

dent school head and an expert on education finance.

An EA would therefore have the expertise to diagnose the reason why the previous partnership had failed to produce the rapid improvement required. Once a school run by an EA had succeeded in turning itself around, it would become grant-maintained. We believe the dramatic turnaround at such a school would inspire more parents to send their children there and join the governing body. In some cases, however, an EA might conclude that a school had declined too far to allow recovery and that it was in the

pupils' interest to close it. What concerned Mrs Shephard earlier this year was the lack of improvement at Langham School.

A monitoring visit by Ofsted inspectors revealing little progress between November 1995 and March 1996 led Gillian Shephard to consult on a proposal to transfer the school to an EA.

In the past few months there have been encouraging signs of improve-ment at the school. The Secretary of State therefore decided to leave it under its existing management for the time being.

Given this background, I find puzzling three arguments rehearsed by Mr Mehmet. The first is that we behaved during the consultation period as if the result was a foregone conclusion. Exactly the opposite is true. We felt that it would have been more appropriate to postpone crucial appointments

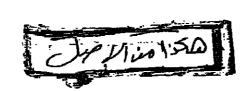
until the school's future had been decided, one way or the other. Mr Mehmet argued, secondly, that the consultation on a proposal

to transfer the school to an EA was an error. But the evidence provided by the March 1996 Ofsted monitoring visit was deeply disturbing. Thirdly, Mr Mehmet suggested

that this school was chosen by the Government because it was aiready improving and thus an easy option. But no EA handed the task on the basis of the March 1996 monitoring report could possibly have believed

that the task would be easy. The message is that the Government will appoint an EA to take over a school and turn it around, whenever the circumstances de-

 The author is Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Education and Employment.



TRIATHLON: ELEVATION TO OLYMPIC STATUS RAISES BRITISH HOPES OF AN EARLY MEDAL AT 2000 GAMES

Smith aims for golden start in Sydney

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IF ONLY triathlon had been granted Olympic status four years sooner. Had it not been made to wait until Sydney 2000 for its entrance, there is little doubt that Great Britain would have had a second victory to celebrate along with the rowing success of Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent. Probably another silver medal as well.

As Britain reflects on its 36th place in the Atlanta medals table, it is better to look forward than back. The next summer Olympic gold medal to be awarded will go to Britain if present status in triathlon is maintained.

Triathlon is scheduled as the first event in Sydney and, in Simon Lessing and Spencer Smith. Britain has the two best competitors in the world, both young enough to be contenders four years hence. "It is just lucky we have hit on two people together, like Coe and Overt," Smith said.

In more ways than one. Their rivalry is of mutual respect as sportsmen, but each with little fondness for the other. "As a person I do not have much time for him." Smith said of Lessing. "But he is a very talented athlete and hard to beat."

The Government, as it considers the criticism levelled at it for failing to invest in British sport and what steps it might take, should note the concerns of Smith and Elaine Shaw. chief executive of the British Triathlon Association. Although Britain possesses Stuart Hayes, 16, the bronze medal-winner from the world youth championships, Smith said: "We have the two best in the world, but if you look behind us there is not too

Shaw said: "For the last four years, Britain has brought home the gold medal from the world triathlon championships, not from one champion but two. The Government must not let the situation arise whereby we have led the world for all this time and suddenly, because we have become an Olympic sport, triathlon but ours does not.

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Smith, who has established himself as one of the world's best triathletes, defends his lead in the grand-prix series at Longleat on Sunday

"Is Stuart our man for Sydney? He could be but he finds funding difficult. He has supportive parents but he has a sister and brother who are also international triathletes."

Money is no longer a problem for Smith. The sport is now on its way to producing its first millionaire. This season, the lucrative \$1 million (about £660,000) International Triathlon Grand Prix has begun, offering \$100,000 in prize-money at each race. Because the sport involves three disciplines - swimming. cycling and running - Smith and Lessing can earn from endorsing a wide range of products. There is appearance money too, probably more than \$100,000 for the grandprix series for the leading athletes.

Smith thinks nothing of spending £400 on a belt, £600 on a shirt. El 000 on a jacket He drives a Mercedes convertible, has his own apartment in San Diego and bought his mother a car. He is thinking of buying a second home, in the Twickenham area, where he is based this summer. He is training over his old courses - Chobham, Windlesham, Box Hill -where he drove himself to become junior world champion. He moved to San Diego three years ago to get away from training in the British

He wears two earrings and has a ponytail, but the playboy

image disguises a dedication to training that is absolute. "People think we have not got a proper job, but they should come and do my schedule for a week," Smith said. "I swim six

times a week for 12 hours each

time, I bike an average 21/2 to של hours a day and run for five to seven hours a week." The evidence will be there at Longleat on Sunday, when Smith defends his lead in the grand prix. Smith won, and Lessing was second, in the opening event, in Koblenz three weeks ago, and this is the second race. It will be the only contest between Smith and Lessing in Britain this

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season not only to excel in the grand prix but to win the longcourse world championship next month, having won the standard-distance title twice.

Then on to the Ironman, the race in Hawaii that put the sport on the map. An eighthour test of endurance. "Next year I'm going to do the Ironman for the first time," Smith said. "I'm obsessed with that race."

Mark Allen, the San Diego lifeguard who won four consecutive Ironmans, from 1989 to 1992, was the young Smith's hero. The Ironman was the race that captured my imagination," he said. Come the ear 2000 it may be Smith and the Olympics that captures



Lessing: great rival

TENNIS

Kafelnikov gains his revenge on Henman

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HENMAN was unable to repeat his impressive form of Wimbledon, where he beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion, at the ATP Championship in Ma-son, Ohio, yesterday. This time it was the Russian who won. 6-4, 6-4, to go through to

Henman, the British No l. achieved a surprising victory over Kafelnikov in the first round at Wimbledon and lifted the spirits of the nation by reaching the quarter-finals. Kafelnikov, the No 3 seed in Ohio, proved a much sterner opponent, however, and did not allow Henman to take charge of the match.

Andre Agassi, the Olympic gold medal-winner and defending champion, was less than impressive during his second-round victory over Magnus Larsson, of Sweden. 6-3. 2-6, 6-4. Agassi's next opponent was expected to be MaliVai Washington, the Wimbledon finalist, but a back strain forced him to withdraw from his match with his compatriot. Alex O'Brien.

Richard Krajicek, of Hol-land, the Wimbledon champion, earned a hard-fought 7-6. 7-5 win against Vince Spadea. of the United States. Krajicek, the No 7 seed, will now play the No 10 seed. Thomas

Enqvist, of Sweden. The overwhelming heat caused problems for most of the players but some coped better than others. Thomas Muster, of Austria, the No 2 seed. quickly disposed of Wojtek Kowalski, of Poland, ranked No 217 in the world, 6-l, 6-l. Muster certainly acclimatised better than Stefan Edberg, who wilted and surrendered a 4-0 lead in the third set to lose 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to Cristiano Caratti, of Italy, ranked No 141 in the world. "I think the heat beat me," Edberg said. "I just don't know how I lost from being up 4-0 in the third set." Caratti will now play Michael Chang, the No 3 seed.

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RUGBY UNION

England's proposal fails to win approval

BY DAVID HANDS

THE battle of wills between England and their three home-union colleagues has stage. Yesterday it was confirmed that the latest compromise on a new television agreement by the Rugby Footcient, but there is a limit to how far it can retreat.

The proposal made by England was not in keeping with the suggestions made by the four countries [France have also been privy to the debatel at the Cardiff meeting last month." Tom Kiernan. chairman of the five nations' committee, said. "We have therefore responded to John Richardson, the RFU president. indicating precisely where improvements have to

be made. "While our position with regard to England's re-entry into the tournament has not changed, we are still hoping an agreement can be reached prior to us making the necessary commercial and administrative arrangements for the new competition later this

However, Kiernan's statement has created a problem for the RFU, which had not received the latest communi-Therefore qué yesterday. Richardson and his negotiating team do not yet know the specific areas of disagreement

outlined by the other unions. For the five nations' championship to remain, England must agree to a joint negotiation of the new broadcasting contract. If, however, they seek to withdraw from their agreement with BSkyB, the satellite television company part-owned by News International, owner of The Times, they will almost certainly find a smaller sum on the table and thus a smaller sum available to their leading clubs. Some clubs are bound to threaten a breakaway if their share of the television deal is revised downwards.

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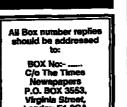
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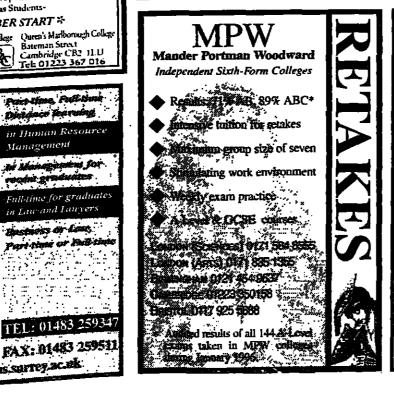
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FOOTBALL

Strike by players looms as League toughens stance

By Russell Kempson

THE threat of a players' strike entered a new, confrontational phase yesterday when the Football League warned the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) that it might take legal action if a walk-out goes ahead. The League claimed that the PFA would be acting "In the circumstances, the unlawfully if it induced its members to withdraw their

The management commit-tee of the PFA meets on Sunday to either confirm or delay the proposed issuing of ballot papers, which could lead to a strike by players in the first, second and third divisions of the Nationwide League. As yet, the FA Carling Premiership is not involved.

Gordon Taylor, the union's chief executive, has campaigned articulately and bullishly in recent weeks, but the League's latest riposte may make him reconsider his strategy. The League has taken legal advice and claims that the disagreement between itself and the PFA falls outside the criteria for legitimate industrial action.

David Dent, the League secretary, said yesterday: "It is clear from Gordon Taylor's public comments that, sadly, he is intent on proceeding with

a ballot of his members with a view to strike action. This is despite what we felt were constructive discussions last week and an understanding that further action would be put on hold pending more

League may be left with little alternative but to take steps to protect the interests of our member clubs, their supporters and all our commercial partners in order to maintain a continuity of matches during the forthcoming season."
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and Nationwide seasons begin



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Venables plans to run rule over Portsmouth

TERRY VENABLES, the former England coach, will visit Fratton Park on Saturday to watch Portsmouth play Bristol City before deciding whether to become a partner in the ailing Nationwide League first division club.

Eddie Ashby. Venables's business adviser, confirmed vesterday that he was close to agreeing a deal with Martin Gregory, the club's managing director. "There have been extensive discussions, which have been very progressive and positive, but there are still things to be sorted out. Having watched Saturday's match and seen for himself, Terry plans to have further talks with Martin Gregory." Ashby

player-manager, will miss the start of the season after undergoing surgery yesterday to remove a piece of floating bone from his knee.

Paul Parker, the former England defender, has signed a one-month contract with Derby County. Parker, 32. was released on a free transfer by Manchester United at the end of last season.

Ivano Bonnetti has joined Tranmere Rovers from Grimsby Town after his much-publicised clash with Brian Laws, the Grimsby manager, last season.

Frederic Darras has signed for Swindon Town on a free transfer from French League side Bastia of Corsica after impressing durin Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea pre-season tour of Finland.

next week, but the smooth start to the latter has been placed in jeopardy by the PFA's insistence that it should receive more than its previously statutory ten per cent from any television agreements negotiated by the League.

At the League's last annual meeting, the ten per cent ruling was changed to a "discretionary" payment. It means that, of the League's new £25 million deal with Sky Television, the PFA, theoretically, could now get nothing. Taylor, however, is persisting with his claims for more than

ten per cent.
"If we allow the League to unilaterally change the rules regarding a major issue affecting football, then we've got problems," Taylor said yesterday. "I get the impression the League don't want to make an agreement with us. All we've got now is a discretionary payment, but we're not just going to wait outside their door with a begging bowl."

Asked if he felt the League

would like to get rid of the union, he said: "Yes, probably, but that would only create anarchy and the game would then be run by lawyers. This is not just about the rights of. say, Alan Shearer, but about players down at the lower end of the scale and those who have to retire early through injury or former players who need our help."

Although the League, technically, does not now have to make a contribution towards PFA funds, it intends to continue payments. However, with the PFA's assets having risen to more than E8 million in recent years, the League has questioned why it should want extra financial assistance.

"There has been no explanation as to why the PFA need more money for their stated objectives," Dent said. "There seems no justification, therefore, for the PFA to seek support for the withdrawal of

Taylor was speaking yesterday at the launch of the 27th Rothmans Football Yearbook in London, at which seven Manchester United players were named in the publicanon's 1995-96 Team Season.



The British men's eight reaches the final at the world rowing championships in Strathchyde yesterday. Photograph: Martin Gilfeather

British crews revel in their elements

was achieved by the junior

double combination of Tim

Kingswell, 1512 stones, and the

much smaller James Di-Luzio.

the baby of the team, aged 16.

In the biggest event of the

championships, they now take

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

WIND and rain inspired British crews to some impressive performances on repechage day of the world rowing championships in Strathclyde yesterday. Nine crews progressed to the finals, a further nine will compete in semifinals today and only three are out of the medal hunt.

Both the men's and women's junior quads achieved first places after rather tentative efforts on Wednesday. The men took command of their race from the half-distance. but, 500 metres from home, the British women were still in a non-qualifying third spot behind Spain and Ukraine. However, Nicola Ledger, the experienced British stroke, increased the pressure and, at 1,600 metres, Spain caught a crab and let Britain through. Britain continued to push and passed Ukraine just before the

line senior men's coxed nair of Dave Beckley and Damian 7.31, France 7.34 Repechage two: Italy Greece 9:18, Repechange two: Sweden 7:33, Croatia 7.38, Repechage three: 8:58 Lativa 9:04, Italy 9:17, Repechage

West, in only their third race together, also finished first in their repechage. They looked controlled and Maurice Hayes, the coach, confirmed: They rowed within themselves." Still very young, their time raises hopes of a possible senior medal to add to the silver they won in a four in the

JUNIORS: Men: Coxed tours (queimers to remi-finats) Russa, 6min 56sec, South Alnca 7:00; Ukrane 7:02 Great Britain 7:05, through to final C Coxless pairs (qualifiers for semi-finals) Repechage one: Canede 7:21; Italy, 7:26; Beigum 7:29 Repechage two: Australa 7:30, Holland 7:32, South Africa 7:33 Repechage three: Stovenia 7:26 Buligana 7:27; Belonussa 7:31 (Great Britain 7:33 to final C) South (qualifiers for semi-final). Repechage one: Belgum 7:58; Estonia.

their place in the unusual scenario of one of three semi-Nations Cup three weeks ago. Britain's other first place eights, lightweight and junior,

REPECHAGE RESULTS FROM STRATHCLYDE

finals. Lennie Robertson, the lightweight coach, was busy with a screwdriver easing the gearing as the wind rose just minutes before his crew boated. It paid off as they moved from fourth to second to quality. Robertson said: "We did a more cautious first half Both the British men's after being rowed through on

The junior eight qualified in progressed to their third place behind the 1995 medal-winners, Germany and the United States. Both the iunior men's coxed pair and the junior women's coxless pair qualified for their

finals, the women. Nicole Scott and Faye McDowell, of Scotland, understandably receiving strong vocal support.

Mark Banks, the chief ju-

nior coach, who has been fostering sculling among juniors since his appointment, was a happy man when his fourth sculling crew, the women's junior double scull, also progressed through their repechage yesterday. Suzanne Edwards and Kate Holton had to finish in the top three and held this position behind New Zealand and Latvia until they

faltered with 250 metres to go. Belgium drew up on them and hearts sank, but the home crowd lifted the young Britons and they survived to provide Banks with his dream of all four sculling disciplines still

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Today's article is very basic, and is aimed at the newcomer. It's about how to relate a bridge hand as it appears on paper with actually holding the cards in your hand. Reading a bridge hand is an acquired skill. However, if you are to progress very far in the game it is an essential thing to learn. Until you can look at a hand diagram like:

	+ 76	
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	+A543	
	♣KQ105	
♠KQJ103	· No	±954
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♦ J 10 8		•Q976
+ 76	S	+A3
	+A82	
	▼ A75	
	+K2	

and translate it into four sets of 13 cards, you will not be able to read anything about the game and this will severely limit your capacity to improve and take advantage of the mass of material that is available. Here a few notes to help you:

1. The suits are always written down in order: spades at the top. then hearts, diamonds and clubs - usually, but not always, there will be a symbol alongside to make this clear.

2. Most bidding sequences are presented with either a blank or a — indicating that the bidding has not yet started, and all passes are marked, herice:

means that North was the dealer and passed. The above sequence continues with East bidding One Spade and South overcalling with Two Hearts.

3. You can assume that bids are natural, i.e. they have no artificial meaning, unless they are either annotated or explained

A newspaper column is an excellent place to start reading about bridge. It is a good length, usually just one hand. A tip to make it easier is to cross out the cards with a pencil as you work your way through the play - a pencil is better than a pen as you can rub it out and start again if you get into a muddle. When you can read an article without any problems, you are ready to

progress to magazines and books.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

B VILLAFRANCHIAN a. Italian wine b. Communal living c. A geological period

b. Three colours

c. A sad woman

TRISTIMULUS a. A triangular spur

WANGA a. Witchcraft b. Ritual barter c. A fool ZUGTROMPETE a. An Austrian cheer-leader

b. An Alpine daffodil

Answers on page 37



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Top duel

After three rounds of the British Championship in Nottingham, just two players had achieved a 100 per cent score. These were Matthew Sadler, the defending champion, and Chris Ward, the international

player, beat Simon Buckley. Both players now have a score of two points out of three.

Black: Matthew Sadler British Championship Nottingham, August 1996

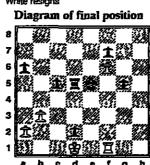
In the third round, Luke McShane improved his chances with a win against James Cobb. while Harriet Hunt, Britain's leading girl

White: Richard Pert

	Sicilian	Defence
1	e4	C5
2	NI3	e6
3	d4	crd4
4	Nxd4	Ncô
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	Be2	· a6
7	0-0	NI6
8	Be3	Bb4
9	Na4	Be7
10		bxc6
11	Nb6	Rb8
12		Qxc8
13	e 5	Nd5
14	Bd4	c5
15	c4	Nb4
16	Bc3	0-0
17	14	Rd8
18	Bf3	d5
19	cxd5	Nxd5
20	Bxd5	exd5
21	15	d4
22	Ba5	Pid5
23	f6	B18
24	_	Qe6
25	Rae1	g6
36	h2	Bag.

d2+

Whate resigns



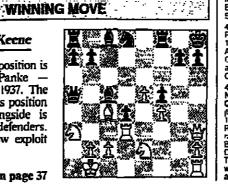
Northumbrian Masters A nine-round, Fide-rated tournament. with opportunities for title norms will be held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne from August 28 until September 1. For further information, or to enter, contact tournament organiser Tim Wall, 8 Whitfield Road, Newcastleupon-Tyne NE12 OLJ. Raymond Keene writes on chess

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Panke -Lachmann, Koslin 1937. The danger signal in this position is that Black's kingside is rather short of defenders. How did White now exploit this absence?

Solution on page 37



MOTOR RACING: WILLIAMS TEAM-MATES PREPARE TO DO BATTLE IN HUNGARY

Hill seeks no quarter in title charge

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN BUDAPEST

HE WON his first grand prix challenger, Jacques Villehere in 1993, he beat a rampant Michael Schumacher here last year and now the Hungaroring is beckoning Damon Hill towards his first Formula One world championship. This is the Englishman's lucky track but when he arrived here yesterday, he steadfastly refused to contem-

plate the approach of the title. He sat on a high stool for his regular press conference rather than his usual seat at a round table, but that was his only concession to the superiority he has gradually assumed this season. There are still five races to go," Hill said. That is nearly a third of the season. It would be a great mistake to take anything for

granted." Still, Hill leads his nearest

neuve, his team-mate, by 21 points. If he finishes ahead of him here in the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday, a possiblity heightened by the Canadian's lack of familiarity with this circuit in the hills above the city, he will be in a position to secure the title a fortnight later at the Belgian Grand Prix in Spa.

"After the win at Hockenheim a fortnight ago," Hill said. "it is tempting to say 'I have gone forward again' and I have stretched the lead and everything is settled.
"Well, it certainly is not. I

am wary of falling into the trap of thinking that Jacques will be at a disadvantage here. We have not been to a track this season where he has not been a contender.

5.15 (im 4yd) 1, JAMRAT JUMAIRAH (K Falion, 5-4 fav. Newmarket Correspondent's napp. 2, Glen Parker (W Ryan, 11-2), 3, Reelly A Dream (K Darley, 7-2) ALSO RAN 9-2 Fourdaned (5th), 11 Midday Cowboy, 16 Schretta (4th), 25 Isa Izzy, 50 Beano Scrott, Classor Royale, Ron Du Nord (6th), 100 Etole Du Nord, 200 Crambella, 12 ran 5, 3, nk, 7, 51 E Dunlop at Newmarket Tole 22 40, 51 60, 51 60, 51 80, 51 30, DF, 59 00, Trio 512 50 CSF 59.25 5.45 (1m 4yd) 1, LAPU-LAPU (I, Chamock, 8-1); 2, Faticon's Flame (K Falion, 11-4 fay), 3, Coftage Prince (T Willems, 14-1) ALSO RAN (90-30 God Lee Shay Mitt, 8 Contract Bridge (5th), 9 Gilling Dancer, 12 Angus McCoalup, Richard House Lad (8th), 16 Drayol Duches, Sorking Dading, 20 Down The Yard, 33 Gold Linng, 50 Paper Mace, Tolady Different, 14 ran Hd, 31, 24, 54 hd, 31 M Cumacho at Malton Tote 512 30, 53 00, 51 60, 54 90 DF; 523 90 Trio 5287 30 CSF: 530 17 Triocast, 2293 65 Jackpot: not won (pool of 53,356.34

Jackpot: not won (pool of \$8,366.34 carried forward to Wolverhampton today)

Dictional Good to firm, some firm potches
2.30 (\$1 1\yd) 1, Statuette (T Sprake, 7-2);
2. Will To Win (7-2); 3, Mujodd Express (C0-1) Imputes on 7-4 law. 7 ran NP: Miss Darling, Sylvana Lippus SI, 31 & Pating. Tote: 64 40, 12-30, 62 10 DF: 68.76 Trio: 5107-60 CSF £15.84, Bought in 6,100gms, 3,00 (2m 11 34\yd) 1, Old Schoot House (T Sprake, Evens Iaw, Richard Evens's nap); 2, Starling Fellow (7-2); 3, Meg's Memory (20-1) 6 ran 21, 5h hd 1 Naughton, Tote £1 50, £1 30, £1 30, £1 31, Friendly Blave (W J

\$1.50, \$1.30, \$2.10 DF: \$2.50, CSF: \$5.37
3.30 (S1 11ye) 1, Friendly Brave (W J C'Cornor, \$-1), 2, Shadow Jury (11-2), 3, Sponder (7-2 f-lav) Kádoe Lad 7-2 f-lav, 8 ran Nk, sh hd. Miss G Keleeray, Tote \$5.20; \$21.50, \$1.90, \$21.10, DF \$216.80 CSF, \$228.95, Tricast: \$256.97
4.00 (SI [61yd) 1, Hever God Express (T Sprako, \$-1); 2, Prima Sik (9-2); 3, Songshed (11-4) How's Yer Father 6-4 Lav 9 ran, Nk, 134, I Naughtion, Tette: \$11.20; \$1.70, \$2.00, \$1.10 DF: \$25.90, Inc. \$16.30 CSF; \$24.93

mans

"It would be lovely to have a not interested in just scoring

team-mate who was just there points."

to support you - but that has

never been the way it is at Williams. That would be just

too cosy. I still need to think

about going out to win. I am

Hill also refused to be drawn into detailed discussions about his future. His manager, Michael Breen, reiterated that negotiations would only begin in earnest once Hill had clinched the title and Hill would only say that he had had limited talks with Frank Williams, the Williams team owner.

One prospect that even he was prepared to embrace. though, is the probable triumph of Williams in the constructors' championship after the grand prix this weekend. They need only a fifth-place finish from either Hill or Villeneuve to wrest it back from Benetton, who are placed a distant second this

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Pontefract

P'OTTLETF ALC.L
Going: good to firm
2.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, ESSAYEFFSEE (Nr M
H Naughton, 5-1)* 2, Boold Top (Nr R
Thornton, 20 1); 3, Advance Esst (Nr S
Swiers, 9-4 fav) ALSO RAN* 10-3 Blurred, 9
Commander Gien, Montone (4m), 12
Master Ofthe House, 14 D'Naara (6th), 16
Golden Hadeor, 20 Faury Highlands, 33
Never Time (50h) 11 ran 2, 41, 7, 41, 141,
Nrs. M Peveley at Sattbourt, 10re 55 10£1 60, £9 40, £1 50 DF £56, 00 Trio
£223,80 CSF £88,30 Tricast £265,92
3,15 ief) 1, IRISH ACCORD (K Fallon, E223.80 CSF: 088.30 Tricast £265.92
3.15 (6f) 1. IRISH ACCORD (K Fallon, 16-1), 2. Arnici Albadiu (R Hills, Evens lav), 3. Symondis Inn (W Ryan, 16-1) ALSO RAN 11-4 Italian Symphony (4th), 9. Scenvard's Mount, 16 Corol Strand, 20 Sant Who, Terry's Rose (6th), 50 Duston Boy, Lucybod, Mystersurt, Paddy Lad (5th), Patdost 13 ran 21, 51, hd, 51, 141 Mis J. Ramsden at Thisk Toter £12.30, 52 70, £120 £4 50 DF, £29 90. The £131 50 CSF-£31 91

\$31.91

3.45 (5) 1, ZALOTTI (K. Darley, 3-1), 2, No Monkey Nuts (J. Carrolt, 10-11 law), 3, Chemcest (Alex Greoves, 9-1) ALSO RAN-9-2 Corner Fontasy (4)th, 16 importal Red, 33 Bothy (5)th, 40 Ginas Girl (6)th, 7 ran NR My Achales 1sil, 2%, 3il, hd, 21 Tetherngton at Mation Totle, 53 70, 52 20, 51 30 DF 12,60 CSF 55 17 4.15 (Im 4) 8yd) 1, TBME FOR ACTION (P Robusson, 13-2), 2, Ande Courser (J Stack, 13-2); 3, Lear Express (W Ryan, 4-5 lay), ALSO RAN; 3 Glide Pain (40); 4 ran NR, Chammig Admiral 9, 44, dist. M Tomplans at Newmerket, Tote: £8.40 DF £14.50 CSF: £32.16

4.30 (1m 5yd) 1, Artiul Dane (S Drowne, 25-1); 2, Star Of Gold (5-1); 3, Orchard Gold (5-2 lav) 10 ran, NR; Mr Teigh, 41, nk, M Heaton-Eits: Tote: C34 90; 25.50, 22.00, 21.70 DF: £104 90 Trio: £71 80, CSF-£132 85 Tricast: £394,46,

5.00 (1m 2) 46yd) 1, Printers Outil (Sophie Mitchel, 25-1); 2, Jean Pierre (100-30), 3, Irdian Sunset (14-1), Illuminate 6-5 lav. 7 ran Sh hd, 51, D Chappell, Tota 516 (0; 83 20, £1,80 OF; £23,70 CSF £36,49, lacecot: £89.10. Quadoot: £17.90.

Wednesday's late details

Kempton Park

Going: good to 8m, firm in places
5.50 (im 4f) 1, State Approval (C Carver, 12-1); 2, Resignaneaque (7-1); 3, Supermick, (4-1); 1-19; Auguston 4-1); 1-19; 10 (ran, 3); 5h hd A Janys, 70c; 217 40; 2287 40 (part won: pool o 6.20 (7) 1. Bonesq (B Hais, 11-4 tav); 2. Al Azhar (7-2); 3. Saddlers' Hope (10-1), 12 ran NR: Moon Blast, Orombs, 9, 2% H Thomson Jones, Toth C3 50; 51, 70, 52, 70, 54 00, 0F; 59 10 Tho E82 70 CSF; \$15.30. 6.50 (1m 2) 1, Orange Order (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fay); 2, Dorheltes (4-1); 3, Lear Jet (4-1) 9 ran 1 %, 61 G. Harwood, Tote: £2.70, £1.40, £1.50, £1.70 DF: £8.70, Trig: £4.90 CSF: £14.64.

CSF E14 64.
7.20 (69) 1. Speniards Irm (P. Robinson, 7-2): 2. Pelham (11-4 it-fav), 3. Petro Danosuso (6-1), Lunor Music 11-4 it-fav 5 ren, NR Kewarra, H.G. 8. B. Meerken Tes. 5.00. E220, £1.30. DF: £4.80 CSF-£1202 Altor a stewards' inquary, result should

\$1000 7.50 (7t) 1, Divina Luna (M Henry, 4-1), 2, Angata (7-2 fov), 3, Artonomae (7-1), 8 ran MFI Commerthen Bay, 41, 11, J Hills, Tota: 04 40; 61 70, 51 80, 52 20 DF: 65 70, Inc. 620.20 CSF, 517.26 Tricast £85.09

8.20 (51) 1, Croeso Cyrnes (Martin Dwyer, 5-1), 2, The Scythan (14-1); 3, Walk The Beat (8-1), Robellion 3-1 tay, 9 ran, Sh hd, 1kil, 8 Palling Tote; 25.0, (1.80, 63.70, 63.10 DF 536.80, Tho: \$185.60, CSF-560.50 Tricast; £499.17. Jackpot: not won. Placepot: £68.80, Quadpot £12,60.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm
6.05 (6f 15yd) 1. Summerville Wood (C Scally, 4-1); 2. Chempagna On los (14-1); 3. Valentime Fairy (3-1). Fearless Cavaller 9-4 tav 9 ran Hd, 143° P Mooney Tota: £6 30: £1.30. £3.20, £1.50 OF: £34.20 Tho £56 70. CSF £53.44 Bought In 8,000gns. 136 70, CSF 553.44, Bought in 8,000gns. 8.35 (St 13yd) 1, Souperficial (W J O'Cornor, 5-1 k-tav); 2, Superbit (7-1); 3, Oscilights Gift (6-1) Festiverstone Lane 5-7 k-tav. 12 ran NR: Superinits, 11, 11 J Glover. Tota: E5.50; E2.30, E2.60, E1.80 DF E10.80, Trio: C34.50, CSF: £35.31, Theast E162.43

E162.43

7.05 (5f. 13yd) 1. Suite Factors (S. D. Williams, 4.7 lav), 2. Five-O-Fity (7-1); 3. Hever Golf Stormer (8-1), 5 ran. Sh.hd, 1%] J. Glover, Tote: £1.30, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.50 CSF-£2.43. Miss Fugit Perance (8-1) withortawn, not under orders — nute 4 applies to all bets, deduct 10p in pound. 7.35 (1m. 11-213yd) 1. Maximeo (W. J. O'Connor, 16-1); 2. Regisak Jameel (6-1); 3. Reindeer Quest (7-1), Ago (7. Reafity 5-1), 1-1av 15 ran. Hd, nit, A. Jarvis, Tote: £18.70; £7.10, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £46.90, Thot: £68.20 CSF: £105.76. Thosat. £585.29. too 20 Carr (100.76, 1108), 120012, 8,05 (Im Styd) 1, Jambo (K Fallon, 9-4 lav); 2, Cuban Real (14-1); 3, Racing Bendo (5-1), 15 ran 1%1, 4f, J Eyer Tote: 250; Ct 30, C3.50, S2 00 DF, 26:30, Tro 260,000 CSF, 233.80, Thoast £140.27,

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25-1). 2. Teen Jay (7-1): 3. Micyay (6-1): 4. La Menorquina (20-1) Miss Prism 5-2 lay.

17 ran. NR. Bellad Rufer 41, sh hd. R Harris. Tota: 520.00. 5260, 5360, 540, 5260 DF: 5200.00. CSF: \$188.26. Theast \$1,121.23 Placepot: \$225.70. Ousdpot: \$10,10.

RACING: SUMMER JUMPING BLAMED AS MEETING ATTRACTS JUST 29 ENTRIES

Trainers shun Southwell fixture

BY DICK HINDER

TRAINERS yesterday voted with their entries over the condition of the jumps course at Southwell, where Richard Davis suffered fatal injuries in a fall last month.

Only 29 horses in total were put in the six races for next Tuesday's fixture, of which the last four hurdle contests attracted just four entries each. Every race on the card has been reopened after receiving fewer than eight entries. though the opening novice handicap chase would have passed the threshold but for one unqualified entry.

A spokesman.
Weatherbys, racing's secretarspokesman iat, believed it to be the first fixture at which they had been

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CANON CAN (6.00 Newmarket) Next best: Desert Shot (8.25 Newmarket)

forced to reopen every race on

the card. Racing's administrators yesterday admitted that summer jumping could be partly to blame for the low entry, the first Southwell meeting to be held since the Davis tragedy.

Stuart McTiernan, of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), said: "We have found that the experiment of summer jumping has had an effect on racing in August, with entries not being as high as in previous years.

"We've already set in motion a review of the situation. It's obviously a cause for concern, as Southwell is one of the main courses in our summer jumps programme.

But McTiernan was still hopeful that more runners would be added to the original entries before tomorrow's four-day declaration stage. This did happen last year, at Cartmel on August 26, when there were only 30 horses



John Dunlop's Bint Salsabil, tailed off in the Oaks, returns to action for this evening's Newmarket meeting

entered and it rose to 41," he pointed out.

Southwell's jumps course was at the centre of controversy early last month when the ground was described officially as firm after the second race, contrary to assurances of going no worse than good to firm for the summer jumping

A vet has asserted he has "little doubt" that poisoning was the cause of the death of three horses at Laura Shally's Derbyshire yard recently. Shally trains the gelding, Mr Sox, on whom Davis suffered

The poison entered the horses through a water-feeding system, in what is believed by Shally to be a misguided 'revenge' attack for the jockey's death. But Mr Sox was saved when his feeder malfunctioned.

Robin Kernohan, the vet who has tended the yard for six months, was reported as saying: "There is little doubt the horses have been poisoned - there is no other explanation for three horses dying in such a short space of time.
"Tir Na Nog died in my

surgery. The post-mortem has taken place and we are now awaiting results from the forensic laboratories. I was there when the post-mortem rade ring fall. was done and the vet I was

horse had been poisoned. "Laura Shally has cut off the water supply to all the horses. which is how we think they may have been poisoned."

with was also convinced the

The CID is investigating. but neither the police nor the Jockey Club will comment on poisoning allegations until the completion of forensic reports. On a happier note, Frankie

Dettori returns to the saddle at Newmarket this evening, exactly eight weeks after he fractured his elbow in a pa-

The dual champion jockey partners Conon Falls for his main employer. John Gosden, who said: "I am pleased Frankie is back in action. It makes a great difference to the stable."

Bint Salsabil, who finished tailed off behind Lady Carla in the Oaks at Epsom, also returns to duty at the same meeting, in a ten-furlong conditions stakes.

Cigar gets in trim for record attempt

CIGAR delighted a crowd estimated at nearly 3,000 at Saratoga with his final workout before flying to California for tomorrow's grade one Pacific Classic at Del Mar. He is attempting to better Citation's twentieth century American record of 16 consecutive victories.

The six-year-old pleased his trainer. Bill Mott, as he breezed five furlongs under Jerry Bailey. Mott's face broke into a grin on seeing the large crowd, who were instructed not to applaud after the session to avoid upsetting other horses exercising at the track.

"It is something I will remember for a very long time and it is something that l haven't seen before," Mott said. "I told Jerry to stop for a bit, as people seemed grateful for a chance to see

him up close." Cigar left for Southern California yesterday. There was a refuelling stop at Louisville before his arrival at Bill Shoemaker's barn.

Mott said he wasn't too concerned about Cigar's attempt to break the record. The record is not what I am thinking about," he said. "I am thinking about the horse and the race. The rest will take care of itself. It's just a measure of his accomplishments, something to read about later if it happens."

Cigar's task has been simplified by the defection of Soul Of The Matter, who ran Cigar to half a length in the Dubai World Cup in March. The five-year-old was scratched by Richard Mandella after going lame on his right fore in a workout.

Cigar, installed a 5-1 on chance, is left to face five rivals in the big race. They are: Siphon (5-1), Tinner's Way (8-1). Dramatic Gold (12-1), Dare And Go and Fear Fever (20-1).

4.00 CHAILEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

6-4 Last But Not Lesst, 5-2 Galvay Blade, 5-1 Again Together, 6-1 Varutars. Klags Nightslub, 16-1 Amber Ring.

4 056- SCRIPT 83 (F) J Jenters 5-10-0 G Bradley

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 4 miners from 8 miners, 50.0%, M Pipe, 9 from 22, 40 9%; Miss K George, 3 from 9, 33.3%; Mis L Richards, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J White, 33 from 115, 28.7%, T McGovern, 8 from 37.

JOCKEYS: D Bridgmater, 14 winners from 28 ndes, 50.0%, A Magaire, 41 from 148, 27 7%; G Bradley, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Richards, 7 from 34, 20.5%; D O'Sullwan, 11 from 68, 16.2%; D Styrme, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

5.00 HICKSTEAD HANDICAP HURDLE

-7 (harmond Cot. 7-2 life Georgalogy, 6-1 Script, 10-1 life Swaggie.

(£2,795; 2m 4f) (4)

NEWMARKET

6.00 Canon Can 7.25 Eirlyadh 6.25 Maraud 6.55 Pearl D'Azur 8.25 Desart Shot

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.25 Maraud. 7.25 YALAIETANEE (nap). 8.25 Desert Shot.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD),8F.F.G.S) (Mrs. D. Robinson) B Half 9-10-8 . B West (4) . BB

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going: good to firm DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

$6.00\,$ K & N WAITE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP

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1	(3)	0-21413	WELSH MELL 19 (6) (0 Half) Mrs M Rendey 7-9-10	
			NORTHERN LAW 14 (D,F) (A Smith) John Berry 4-9-2 M Rimmer \$5	
3.	(6)	0-43164	WESTERN SAL 20 (C.F.G) (Nos J NacAdleske) J L Harro 4-9-0 T Outlier 98	
4	Ü	00-0119	HAL HOO YAROOM 27 (BF.F.G) (A Al Maldoum) W Hern 3-8-13 T Sprake 97	
			CANON CAN 30 (Cason Ltd) H Cecil 3-8-12	
6	(5)	324-000	MON VINTAGE TO (F,C) (A Mann) M Chapteran 5-7-12 Decalan D'Shea 94	
TTN		(Canon Ca	m, 3-1 Welsh Mill. 7-2 Western Sal. 9-2 Hai Hoo Yarooro, 8-1 Northern Law. 12-1 Mon	

1995; COLLEGE DOW 4-8-3 D R McCabe (180-30) M Buebly 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELSH MILL 241 3rd of 7 to Berlin Ruse in handings at Ayr (ftm 71, good to firm). AVBITHERN LAWY 177 6th of 8 to Angues in handings of better (ftm 21, good to firm) WESTERN SAL 7%1 4th of 8 to Handings on handings of Report (ftm 4 60yd, good to firm) WAL HOO YAROOM bear influence Pedie 4 in 5-namer handicap at Folkestone (1m 7i good) CANON CAN 455 4th of 13 to Tim Albased in medica at Kemplan (1m 4i, good in firm) NON VINTASE 181 text of 9 to Micke Aspects in handicap at Beneticy (1m 4i, firm). Selection: WELSH MILL

6.25 DAVID HEADLAND ASSOCIATES / TUDOR GATE HOTEL SELLING

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(5)	900	DOUBLY-H 8 (V) (G H Lederman) M Bed 8-11 T Quinn	
(8)	530	MARAUD 56 (Wyck Hab Stud) R Amstrong 8-11	2
'n	0045	REBUKE 43 (A Johnson Houghton) & Johnson Houghton 8-11 J Reid	90
(2)	50	FLY DOWN TO RIO 65 (6 Thompson) D Arbuthrol 8-6	84
(3)	552324	MASS BARCELONA 15 (6 Howlet) M Polytage 8-6 Par Eddery	96
(4)	0	RUMBUSTIQUE 58 (C Carils) R Hannon 8-6 Dane O'Nelli (3)	88
(6)			78
(1)	0	WHYAOTRISKINE 72 (Two Worlds Engagering) R Harns 8-6 J H Brown	-
NG: 6	4 Marcuri 4	-1 Perminesticus, 9-2 Rebute, 6-1 Méss Barcelona, 8-1 Strait We Go. 10-1 Doubly-H.	12-
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1995: TARRY 8-6 J Wezwer (8-1) Lord Hantingdon 9 ran FORM FOCUS

MARAUD 5½1 3rd of 7 to Quest Express in a maden at Yarmouth (61, 9mm). REBUSE 441 5th of 7 to Avirativi in a clarmer at Sapshary (71, good to farm). RY ODWN TO ROLD 137 7th of 8 to Lamona in a matden auction at Warwick (61, 9mm). MISS

BARCELONA 21 2nd of 7 to Tumbleweed Pearl in a maiden auction at Bath (St. 161yd, firm) SHALL WE 60 84/15th of 9 to Saffy Behaviour in a maideo

6.55 Bernard Lloyd and Paul Stanbrook Handicap

D,4	JD: 1	bi) (6 N	mers)	
1	(4)	303152	GOLDEN POUND 7 (D.P.) (A Griffin) Miss G Kellengy 4-10-0 J Rebi	9
2	(3)	3-00521	MR BERGERAC 14 (CD,F.G.S) (P Joha) B Palling 5-9-13	93
3	(1)	31	PEARL D'AZUR 14 (D,G) (Shelith Moternmed) D Loder 3-9-11 . Par Eddery	94
4	(5)	20033	BEAU BRUNO 62 (Mrs J Van Geest) M 8e8 3-9-3 T Quinn	94
5	(2)		MAJAS 15 (O.F) (Mags Partners) L Montague Hall 3-9-1 Dane O'Nelli (3)	98
6	(6)			88
113			zur. 7-2 Mr Bergerat, 4-1 Golden Pound, 6-1 Beau Bruno, 8-1 Statisticism, 10-1 Mi	
			1985: AL WILLIAD 4-8-6 J Outen (5-1) T Direr 12 can	

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN POUND head 2nd of 8 in Pohelikon in handleap over course and distance (good to firm).

ARR BERSERAC heat Farms Again short-head in 9-marker handleap over course and distance (60, good to firm). PEARL DYAZUR heat Sectious Serinsation (75), and the proper mixture of the performance (75).

7.25 CARWIN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-D; £4,737; 7f) (13 runners) LINWIN MARLULEN STARLES (2-Y-U, 14,737:71) (13 Totutels)

54 BLUE RIVER 23 (M Legg) T Milk 9-0 BOyle 87
CDMON FALLS (Sheish Mohammed) J Gooden 9-0 L Demon COSMIC PRINCE (Excinc Eighthoung Recing Partners) M Lerks 9-0 P Botheson ELRYADH (Fath Sahmar) P Cole 9-0 T Sprake
MANWAL (H Al Makeourry B Harbary 9-0 W Ryan BIBLE RIVESTMENT (J Smrbh) I Eurasce 9-0 R Coothrane
PRINCE DE LUTR (A MacGillows) D Cocquire 9-0 M Rimmer

5 SLK ST JOHN 55 (CRS Partners) M Ryan 9-0 A Clark
STANTON HARCOURT (C Homofries) J Dunton 9-0 Par Eddery
SMRFT (E Howleth M Policiase 9-0 D Harrson D Harrson D Harrson D Harrson

1996: LORD OF MEN 9-0). Deton (7-2) J Gospen 12 ran

FORM	FOCUS
BLUE RIVER 8'A/ 4th of 11 to late Of Man In mandes auction at Sandown (71, good to firm) COMON FALLS (based May 13) By Saffer's Wells, hall-hother to group 18 mothe-distance winner. Pissussic, dam very uceful fin 22 winner. BLRYADH (Feb 3), By Time For A Change, hall-brother to several winners in America Including grade 18 payentle winner Memories, dam weters at up to 7's a America, NORULE BNYSSTMENT (Feb 6, up to 7's a America, Policy BNYSSTMENT (Feb 6).	cost 35,000gns; By Shirtey Heapits, half-brother 3-y-o 1m 21 maiden wanter Maiden Castle, de very usetur 77 juvender vinner TASK CHHU 29 3rd of 10 to Papua m conditions race at Lingüe (71, good to 8rm) YALAETAKEE (Mar 19). Et Sacher's Wells, half-bother to trans juvendes sprinter Start symmer. No selection

7.55 DR MARTENS NURSERY HANDICAP

	fr-,	O. L	7,030. 1	y (i r idinois)	
	1	(4)	6041	SPANIARDS INN 2 (F) (9 Schmigt-Bodner) R Maeton 9-9 (7ex) . P Robinson	95
	2	(2)	212	HEN HARRIER 14 (D.BF.F) (T Pilitington) J Dursion 9-7 Pat Eddery	95
	3	8	44242	DOWRY 14 (Cheseley Park Stud) R Harrison 9-4	91
	4	İSİ	4B112	LUCKY QAKWOOD 3 (D,G) (Sporting Quest) M Belt 9-2 M Fenton	9 1
	5	(1)		MESTER PONK 27 (C Samner) R Johnson Houghton 9-2	95
	6	(9)		RUNTH SYMPHONY 14 (CD.F) (S Dinsmore) P Haztern 9-0 6 Carter	91
	7	(8)	540	ROCK FANTASY 21 (Four Score Racing) C Murray 8-11 T Quinn	84
	8	(6)		OUR KEVIN 14 (B.D.6) (T Moham) K McAstide 8-5	95
	9	(10)	033120	SELCA'S MY KEY 2 (D,F) (Alchloge Racing) M Channon 8-4 R Perham	96
	10	(3)	645	STRAT'S QUEST 22 (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnol 8-4	85
	11	[11]	152156	AZTEC TRAVELLER 30 (F.G) (A Ratif) M Ryan 8-3 B Doyle	
1		NG: 3-1 3-1 of		ner, 7-2 Minsh Symphony. 7-1 Coury, 8-1 Azlec Teweller, Misses Pink, 10-1 Silca's	i My

1995; ROYAL MARK 9-7 Pat Eddery (Evens lav) J Watts 5 ran FORM FOCUS

SPANIARDS INN beat Peltam head in 5-numer nursely over course and distance (pood to nursely at kemeten (6) good to firm) HEN HARRIER ER II 2nd of 6 to Union Town in condidens race at Tahrsk (7), firm). MESTER PINK 5961 3rd of 15 to Sandabone in nursely at Ascol (7), good to firm). ACTEC TRAVIBLER head Lawful Find 11 to 9-numer claimer at martine at Satisbury (7), good to firm). MINTH SYMPHONY beat DOWRY (2to better off) 11 in 12-

8.25 richard bolton insurance group conditions stakes

	1	(3)	016-603	DESERT SHOT 25 (C.D.F.G) (M AI Maltourn) M Stoute 6-9-2 T O	kim .
	2			NAKED WELCOME 20 (C,D,F,G) (M W Partners) M F-Godley 4-9-2 J	
-	3	(4)	3-50455	POPPY CAREW 55 (D.F.S.) (Mrs. P Harris) P Harris 4-8-11 G	Hind
	4	(5)	4215-D	LONGERTO 111 (S) (S Al Homeld) R Hannon 3-8-7 Dane O'Nei	(3)
	5	(6)	2123	MASELLAN 20 (6) (M Otrada) C Britain 3-8-7 B C	cylo
	6	(1)	101-230	BINT SALSABIL 63 (C.F) (H Al Maktourn) J Dunlop 3-8-2 T Sp	raio: (
			4 Bini Sal	sabil, 3-1 Desert Shot, 9-2 Poppy Carew, 5-1 Magelian, 8-1 Naked Welt:	ame, 10
	Lomba	10.		ነ	
	l			1995: CONMONER 3-8-11 Pai Editery (9-0) & Harmon 5 cm	

FORM FOCUS

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DESERT SHOT neck and 3141 3rd of 6 to Montjoy	ī	V
in the group If Tennent Caledonian Bremenes Scot-	ı	W)
tish Classic at Ayr (1th 21, good to firm) NAKED WELCOME 13:1 4th of 9 to Backgrammon	١	(D)
in handicao al Epsoro (1m 4l, good). POPPY CA-	ı	Š
REW 9% 5th of 6 to Michight Leaend in Ested	ŀ	h
race at Lescester (1m 4t, good). LOMBERTO 1%1	Į	90

Voidatone Home, Hall States at Newbury (7) 64yd, good to soft) test year MARELLAN 31 3rd of 5 to Wall Street in Retail race at Newbury (170 2), good to brint with MAXED WELDOME 44th 5th, BRYT SALSABIK, short-head 2nd of 11 to Tivrilling Day in the group fill Stadenth Stud hell Gayin States here on the Rowley Mile Course (7), good to firm) Selection: BINT SALSABIR.

TRAINERS	Wits	Ras	*	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	<u> </u>
H Cecil	65		23.4	Pat Eddery	118	520	22.7
D Loger		278 100 368 202 22 30	23.4 20.0	D R McCabe	11	74	22.7 14.9
J Gosden	20 55 29 3	368	14.9	L Dettori	75	519	14.5 13.8 13.0
P Cole	29	ZŲŽ	14.4 13.6	Dame O'Neill	8	58 23	13.8
T MBIS M F-Godley	3	22	13.0	T Sprake	3	. 23	130
M F-Godley	9	-30	133	T Quinn	3B	343	11.1

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 7.10 Victory Dancer. NEWMARKET: 6.25 Doubly-H. PLUMPTON: 2.30 Fattash. 4.00 Call Me Albr, Telmar Systems. REDCAR: 2.40 Komlucky. 3.40 Instantaneous. 4.10 Hulm. 4.40 Backhander WOLVER-HAMPTON: 2.20 Napier Star, Scored Again. 2.50 Superquest.

Sprake treble

TIM SPRAKE bounced back from a losing run of 51 mounts with an 89-1 treble. aboard Statuette, Old School House and Hever Golf Express, at Bath yesterday. Sprake enjoyed a purple patch in early July, but the winners dried up later in the



REDCAR 2.40 Perilous Plight. 3.10 Ultra Boy. 3.40 Alabang.

4.10 Robernaset. 4.40 Urgent Swift. 5.10 Kira.

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.40 STAINTONDALE SELLING STAKES

(£2,763: 7f) (9 runners) 6-4 Penious Pfight, 11-4 Mess Zanether. 4-1 Men Ol Wit, 8-1 Kerniucky, 10-1 Blue Grit, Mili Cancia, 12-1 others.

3.10 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,277: 61) (6)

3.40 PAT PHOENIX HANDICAP (£3,118: 1m 3f) (8) (1) 4140 ALMUHTARAM 11 (B,CD.F,E) Mics G Kelleway 4-10-0 K Fallon

1 (D. Laure, E.) House, S. 1 (D. Laure, E.) Hotels (F. Laure, E.) Hotels (F. Laure, E.) Hotels (F. Laure, E.) House, S. 1 (D. Laure, E.) Hotels (F.) Hotels (F. Laure, E.) Hotels (F.) Hotels (F. Laure, E.) Hotels (F. Laur

4.10 SOUTH DURHAM MAIDEN STAKES

4.40 HURWORTH APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,498: 1m 1f) (10)

10 13) Union Swift, 3-1 Mels Bathy, 5-1 Brandonnille, 6-1 Backhender, Forest Fautssy. 10-1 Whodheleistamy, 16-1 Shepheids Dean, 20-1 obers.

5.10 CLEVELAND FILLIES HANDICAP

4-5 Kks., 5-2 Time To Tango, 5-1 Dominelle, 6-1 Sunset Harbour COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 5 witners from 26 numers, 19 2%, 1 Currari. 5 hom 31, 16,1%; 15 Berry, 18 hom 139, 12,9%, 1 Wharton, 3 from 27, 11 1%. Only qualifiers. JOCKEYS: K Darley, 57 witness from 267 rides, 20,3%. A Fallon, 22 hom 141, 15,6%. J Wesner, 13 from 99, 13 1%. 6 Carter, 8 from 66, 12 1%; M Fenton, 6 from 59, 10,2% Only qualifiers.

Iktamal for Deauville IKTAMAL, the Beeswing Stakes winner, joined Britain's representation for Deauville yesterday when he was confirmed for the Prix Maurice de Gheest on Sunday. Willie Ryan will continue his partnership with Iktamal, who will attempt to turn the tables on the July Cup winner. Anabaa. He will line up in France alongside Blue Duster, whose new link with Pat Eddery has left Neville Callaghan searching for a replacement for Danehill Dancer.

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HAYDOCK PARK

6.10 Sharat. 6.40 Parither. 7.10 BRIDE'S REPRISAL (nap). 7.40 Home Counties. 8.10 Rainbow Top. 8.40 Rood Music.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.10 BRIDE'S REPRISAL

GOING- GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 BELLCHARM HANDICAP (3-Y-0; £3,690; 1m 3f 200yd) (10 runners)

3-Y-Q: £3,694: T(T) 31 ZUUVQ) (TU TUMRES)

1 B14 FOREST HEIGHTS 55 (D.P.) Mrs J Deci 9-7. K Fallon 3
3 415 MOUNT ROW 25 (C.S.) L Corrent 9-7. J Weaver 5
4 629 BECISTEN 67 J Denico 9-6. K Darley 1
5 126 SWAN HUNTER 32 (6) 0 Cooptive 9-7. D McKeown 9
6 3165 MAUOR DURDER 34 (F) R Hammon 9-0. J Fortune 7
7 266 TAHARQA 14 J Biosépa 8-13. J Carroll 7
8 4300 SHEMANDO 26 G Mong 8-11. G Milligna (7) 6
9 00 LEPNQHA 50 B HRs 6-4 J Darley 1
10 5562 SEVERDALE KNIGHT 3 (F) K Hogg 7-10. D Winght (3) 4 7-2 Bechstein, 9-2 Lepitos, 5-1 Mouse Rom, 6-1 Sharat, 7-1 Forest Heights, Major Duncke, 8-1 Swan Hunder, 10-1 others.

6.40 ST. HELENS STAR CLAIMING STAKES (£2,675: 6f) (7)

1 0001 LORD OLIVIER 9 (D.F.6) W Jarve 6-9-9 M Tebburt 3 2 516 PARTHER 53 (D.F.6.5) P Evers 6-9-1 JF Egent 2 3 520 RMS1 TERN 25 J Berry 3-8-11 J Carroll 6 4 0665 HOH MAJESTIC 5 (V.F.6) M Ware 3-8-7 K Palson 1 5 0000 AMELU, BLL 18 R Varmon 3-8-2 Sanders 7 00- RED MARCH HARE 494, D Mortat 5-8-0 Dermen Mortat (3) 4 9-4 Lond Olivier, 11-4 Panther, 3-1 Hoh Majestic, 5-1 Rives Tem, 8-1 Amehājāl. 20-7 Red March Hare, 50-1 Maysimp

7.10 COUNTRYWIDE FREIGHT CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,706: 6f) (8)

7,40 GATEHOUSE HANDICAP (£3,621: 1m 2f 120yd) (6)

(£3,621: 1m 2f 120yd) (6)

1 210- BERKELEY BOUNDER 245J (5) Mrs M. Reveley 4-8-10

k. Darley 6

2 10-2 MORTH REEF 5 (D.BF.G.5) M. Present 5-9-7 ... 6 Daffield 2

3 6201 DALINTING DESTINY 14 (D.P.) R. Harnen 3-9-8 W. J. O'Comrof 5

4 2-20 MAD FOR BALEYS 13 (8F) bi Johrston 3-9-5 ... J. Wester 3

5 6-66 HOME COUNTIES 35 (V.D.F.6) D. Mottar 7-8-13

Darrien Mottan (3) 4

6 6331 DRUMAKER HICKS 63 (CD.F.6.5) E. Weynes 7-8-1 ... J. Quisn 1 7-4 Damong Destriy, 5-2 North Reet, 9-2 Mard Fox Baileys, 11-2 Dammer Hicks, 8-1 Berkeley Bounder, 16-1 Home Counties.

8.10 HAYDOCK PARK PONY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£2,647: 1m 2f 120yd) (7)

8.40 DEAN DAM HANDICAP

7-4 Hawwarn, 3-1 Vamborough Lad, 5-1 Glorana, My Handsome Prince, 10-1 Repel County, 12-1 Rood Music, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 8 winners from 33 numers, 24 2%, J Gosden, 23 from 96, 24 0%; W Haggas, 4 from 17, 23.5%, J Dunion, 26 from 112, 23.2%; B Halls, 14 from 66, 21.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 14 from 65, 18.5%. 10.5%, JCKEYS: 5 Sanders, 5 witners from 34 rates, 74.7%, G Duffield, 11 from 77, 14.3%, W Woods, 3 from 21, 14.3%, U Weaver, 16 from 118, 13.6%; C Ruter, 5 from 41, 12.2%, J Cernall, 24 from 293, 11.8%

Paul Cole's El Opera (Richard Quinn) and the Barry Hills-trained Aunty Jane (Michael Hills) finished fifth and sixth in the listed Prix de la Calonne over a mile at Deauville yesterday. The race went to Hill Silver.

PLUMPTON THUNDERER

2.30 Fattash. 3.00 Victory Anthem. 3.30 lichtiraa. 4.00 Call Me Albi. 4.30 Galway Blade. 5.00 Diamond

2.30 HOVE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,343: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

(\$22,343: ZM 4F) (7 FUDRIES)

1 /0-1 ARCTIC RED RIVER 60 (6) T McGovern 7-10-12 ... A Magnire
2 /UF- BRIGADIER SUPREME 156 P Butler 7-10-12 B Fenton
3 4-5 CAMARY FALCON 9 H Collogradge 5-10-12 ... V Smath
4 00 SHALIK 159 J Lenkins 6-10-12 ... J Railton
5 1UF- SR EALEPURCE 107P (6) R Carlic 6-10-12 ... D Mooris
6 P. FATTASH 4FF (8) P Mooriey 4-10-9 S Ryan (5)
7 8-56 LMMOSA 49 May [Archards 5-10-7 ... M Richards
6-4 Autic Red River, 5-2 Limoza, 4-1 Carary Fatcon, 8-1 Stafa, 14-1 Ser
Galaiorce, 16-1 Brigative Supreme, 20-1 Fattash

3.00 STREAT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m) (6)

9-4 Satety, 11-4 Muclear Express, 4-1 Victory Authem. 6-1 Days Cf. Thunder,

3.30 BERWICK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,280: 2m 1f) (4)

7-4 Zabanpar, 2-1 No Light, 5-2 Pair of Jacks, 5-1 Schinza.

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.20 Need You Sadly. 2.50 Flotilla. 3.20 Hal's Pal. 3.50 Waikild Beach. 4.20 Sense Of Priority. 4.50 Serious Sensation. 5.20 State Approval. GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 2.20 WALES HANDICAP (£2,381: 5f) (8 runners) 101 4501 MARJORIE ROSE 14 (CD.S) A Bailey 3-9-10 ... D Whight (3) 5 102 0553 SCORED AGAIN 6 (V.CD.F.G.S) M Heaton-Eliis 6-9-9

4-1 Napier Ster, 9-2 Marjorie Rose, 5-1 Scored Agent, Need You Badly, ARC, 6-1 Bolinda Blue, 7-1 others. 2.50 ROYAL BANK INVOICE FINANCE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,261: 7f) (12)

4-1 Florilla, 6-1 Spondulieles, 13-2 Gressiee, 7-1 Summer Queen, Advance Repro. 8-1 Gorng For Broke, 10-1 Tintenbell, 12-1 others. 3.20 STAFFORDSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-0: £3,306: 1m 11 79yd) (9)

7.4 Hal's Pat, 11.4 k.ass Alliana. Poler Change, 6-1 Necrool Almater, 12-1 Failed To Hit. 14-1 Charmsood Meg. 25-1 Tashmin, 33-1 sthers. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: M. Jarvis, 5 winners from 19 numers, 26 3%; D. Loder, 3 from 12, 25 0%, M. Johnston, 39 from 158, 24 7%, Lord Hunlingdon, 18 from 80, 22 5%, S. Woods, 9 from 42, 21.4%. JOCAEYS: W Woods, 17 winners from 75 ides, 22.4%, R Hughes, 4 from 20, 20 0%; Alex Greaves, 7 from 39, 17.9%, Amanda Sanders, 9 from 59, 15.3%, D Waght, 24 from 194, 12.4%.

3.50 THORPE VERNON HANDICAP (£4,060: 1m 100yd) (13)

5-1 Johanns The Joses, 6-1 Princess Elicia, 13-2 Desert Invades, 7-1 Takobd, Waddin Beach, 8-1 Ethicael, 10-1 Bertico, 12-1 Others.

4.20 TSB ASSET FINANCE SELLING STAKES 501 8566 SENSE OF PRIORITY 5 (CD,F,G) D Nicholis 7-9-7

\$01 8566 SENSE OF PRIORITY 5 (CD.F.6) D Nicholis 7-9.7
Alex Greatwes 13
502 000- CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 367 R Pascack 7-9-2. P Nichole (3) 7
503 0-50 DARK SHOT 13 (V.D.6) N Teister 4-9-2. — G Duffeld 9
504 0005 BLRAAS 11 (V) H Collingraph 4-9-2. — N Adams 5
505 6340 MONIS 8 (V.F.) J Banking 5-9-2. — N Adams 5
506 0523 LLTRA BET 5 (V.C.D.F.6) P Heisten 4-9-2. — J Fortune 1
507 0056 RDWAL RAPPORT 29 8 McMatton 3-8-12. — S Sanders 12
508 0050 BALAW FRONTIER 25 (C.6) F Lee 4-8-11 — Paul Editiery 8
509 4056 PERCACY 48 (D.C.G.A JAMPS 5-8-11 — V Statesy 10
510 000 PYCHLEY DANN 29 0 O'Nell 6-9-11 — V Statesy 10
511 0-00 SANDRA DEE 22 E Wheelet 4-8-11 — S Withword 12
512 00 BRUH-LOOSE 16 N Bechan 3-8-7 — P P Mcmphy (5) 4
513 - OKK MARKSCHWO 14 B Nechan 3-8-7 — P P Mcmphy (5) 4
514 Libra Ben 3-1 Senso 10 Protons 4-1 Eficacy. 9-2 Dark Shot 8-1 Mones. 10-1 9-4 (Bina Bael, 3-1 Sensa Ol Prottiy, 4-1 Efficacy, 9-2 Dark Shot, 6-1 Mons, 10-1 Physi Report, 20-1 Manaschino, 25-1 others.

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Julian adds new twist to Brind's mission

By PAT GIBSON

SOUTHPORT (second day of of vocilerous spectators in the four): Surrey, with four second-innings wickets in hand.

THEY could have done with a call from a detective inspector such as Morse or Maigret rather than a visit from Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches, to clear up the great Trafalgar Road mystery after Surrey had annihilated Lancashire yesterday.
Brind's dawn patrol from

Chelmsford to Merseyside did not seem strictly necessary once Surrey, having made short work of Lancashire's last five wickets to gain a first-innings lead of 66, had thrashed 366 for six with Brendon Julian scoring his maiden first-class century. Suffice it to say further action



Benjamin: four wickets

More detailed investigation was required to discover why Julian, the tall West Australian who was a last-minute replacement as Surrey's overseas player when the South African all-rounder, Brian McMillan, changed his mind about joining them, was allowed to bat on after he had apparently been caught at backward square leg.

Julian had made 66 when he sent the second ball after tea from Chapple steepling towards the boundary. Speak, running full tilt from square leg, caught it but, realising that his momentum was going to carry him over the rope, tossed the ball back to Titchard, who had closed in from long leg.
Lancashire claimed the

catch but, after much delay and repeated assurances from both fielders and any number

immediate vicinity that Speak had released the ball before he crossed the line, John Holder, the former Test umpire, ruled "not out" and awarded Julian

a single. Holder did not want to talk about his decision afterwards. which was not altogether surprising, since he was clearly in error. Section 3 (b) of Law 32 states: "If a fieldsman releases the ball before he crosses the boundary, the ball will be considered to be still in play and it may be caught by another fieldsman."

It was the last straw for Lancashire, who already seemed disgruntled enough to be playing on a relaid club pitch which had claimed 15 wickets on the first day just before their NatWest Trophy semi-final against Yorkshire.

Their preoccupation with what they considered to be their biggest match of the season at Old Trafford on Tuesday showed in the way they batted after they had resumed 83 runs behind with

They lost them all in 9.3 overs, Martin Bicknell picking up the first to give him five wickets in the innings and 50 for the season and Benjamin taking the other four for one run in 17 balls.

Brind was still an interested observer but any suggestion that the pitch was unfit for first-class cricket was rapidly dispelled when Darren Bicknell and Butcher were putting on 96 in 15 overs. It was a declaration of intent as Surrey stepped up the pursuit of their

first championship since 1971. Bicknell played well in making 42 off 46 balls with nine fours but Butcher played even better in passing 50 for the fifteenth time this season.

The pitch was still hostile enough for him to be struck several times, one blow on the gloves costing him a fingernail, but he still scored his 66

off 64 balls with 12 fours. Shahid kept up the momentum with 1) fours in his 66 and finally there was Julian to take ruthless advantage of the now demoralised Lancashire attack. Martin had gone off with a back spasm. Austin was handicapped by a thigh strain. Chapple and Elworthy were found sadly wanting and even Titchard was pressed into service as Julian hammered seven sixes and 14 fours in his unbeaten 119.

Caddick traps Shadab Kabir, the Pakistan opening batsman, leg-before for 35 during the second Test at Headingley yesterday. Report, page 40

Simmons benefits from positive approach

SWANSEA (first day of four: Leicestershire won toss); Leicestershire have scored 298 for three wickets against

THERE have been days and years. and some days that seemed like years. when Leicestershire have looked any-thing but capable of contending for the county championship pennant. This was not the case yesterday. In the two sessions of play that were possible, the leaders, Phil Simmons, the acting captain, and Ben Smith, in particular, made runs with great alacrity and

Leicestershire have reasoned that if they do not lose another match this season, they will be champions. On Monday, against Northamptonshire, who were well down the table, they adhered to this thinking to the extent of delaying their declaration and ultimately not managing to win. Three points for a draw became the greater

It was not the ideal approach, but then Leicestershire do not have such a potent attack that their captain can always err on the side of generosity. Simmons is accustomed to playing with the likes of Ambrose and Walsh. but for West Indies, not Leicestershire. He is without Mullally for this match. although this is a pitch which should increasingly take spin - weather

Yesterday, Simmons was nothing if not positive. Leicestershire's batsmen delighted in decent batting conditions.

The square looked well-tended. Alas, though, in cricketing terms, Swansea is considered below the salt within Wales nowadays. There is considerable speculation as to how much longer first class cricket will be played here. Cardiff is considered to be the city on which all attention should be

As for Glamorgan's attack, it lacked Watkin and Kendrick. Kendrick, the left-arm spinner, was unable to complete his second over aftersplitting the webbing in his left hand when fielding to his own bowling. He will take no further part in the match. Gibson was wayward in length and direction. having 87 runs taken off his 14 overs. Glamorgan, not surprisingly, will be taking their time over deciding who bat before lunch that it was hard to

The openers put on 89 before Wells was bowled by Croft, venturing in cocksure manner down the pitch. His partner was caught at mid-off six runs

So confidently did Wells and Maddy envisage whom Maynard could bring

later, aiming to hit through mid-on.

MacMillan misjudged one from

Butcher that pitched on off stump and

hit it. Smith and Simmons then took to the bowling with great relish. By the time the slate grey clouds had banked over the rugby stand, they had put on 154 in 38 overs. The captain struck 15 fours. finding the gaps in an increasingly widespread field, and his younger partner hit II fours.

Kent given succour by staunch Willis

By Simon WILDE

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Kent won toss): Northamptonshire, with all firstinnings wickets in hand, are 313 runs behind Kent

SERIOUS championship contenders rely desperately on players like the one Kent fell back on vesterday. Simon Willis is young, inexperienced and only playing because Steve Marsh, their first-choice wicketkeeper, has a broken finger. He responded magnificently to his team's difficulties by scoring 78, the highest championship score of his

fledgling career. Willis came in with Kent struggling at 146 for five on a pitch of uneven bounce and was instrumental in them clawing their way to the relative riches of 316 all out. His associations with Fleming, Headley and Patel yielded

65, 48 and 50 respectively. Before bad light brought a premature close to Northamptonshire's brief response. McCague and Headley sug-gested they could be a handful on such a surface. Kent will be

satisfied with their day's work. Willis, 22, is far from incapable of wielding a bat. This was his third half-century in eight first-class appearances, and certainly the most valuable. He dealt capably with the six seamers and one spin bowler deployed by Northamptonshire, although he twice benefited from their slipshod slip catching. He was dropped on four and 47;

Fulton and Patel were both similarly reprieved. Marsh's absence had other consequences. During the heavy defeat in the previous match at Worcester, Kent

were led by Hooper, but before this game he asked not to be considered for the position again this season. He wants to concentrate on his batting prior to West Indies's tour of Australia, on which he needs to re-establish himself in the Test side.

So for this match the cabal of Daryl Foster, the coach, Derek Ufton, the chairman of cricket, and Marsh handed the leadership to Ward, the senior professional, who will also lead Kent against Somerset next week.

Thus Fleming, whom some would like to see inherit the captaincy if Marsh's tenure of office ends with the season, was again overlooked, while Graham Cowdrey, another possible long-term contender, cannot even win a place in the side. These are hardly ideal circumstances for a side in pursuit of a first championship title for 18 years.

Judging by his brief stay at the crease. Ward enjoys captaincy as much as Hooper. He gave a catch to second slip off his second ball from Capel. Hooper, free of responsibility, batted with grace, if cautiously, for his 41, while Fleming who, unlike the other two. appears to aspire to the position - struck a characteristic 40 from 50 balls.

N F Williams, A P Cowan and P M Such to

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-118, 3-219, 4-229, 5-244, 6-414.

BOMLING: van Troosl 15.4:2-71-2, Rose 21-5-72-0; Leo 20-2-74-0; Kerr 17-3-64-2; Belty 23-2-115-2; Parsons 2-0-12-0 SOMERSET: M N Lathwell, M E Trescotheck, P D Bowler, R J Harden, K A Parsons SLee: RIJ Turner, G D Rose, J1 D Aerr, JD Barly, A P van Troosl.

Sussex v Derbyshire

HOVE (first day of lour; Derbyshire wor toss) Suscen, with fire first-immigs wickers in hand, are 232 runs behind Derbyshire

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Bonus points: Somerset 2 Essex 4

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Total (6 wkts, 98,4 overs) 🛶

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By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 298 runs behind Warwickshire

FOR both Warwickshire and Durham, the contest at Edgbaston bears all the hallmarks of a last-chance saloon. For Warwickshire, the champions, a win would appear to be crucial if they are to stand any chance of regaining a place among the leaders. For Durham, without a victory since September of last year. here was a chance of . . . well, a chance of avoiding falling offthe end of the championship

table altogether.
Preliminary skirmishes
have provided Warwickshire with a distinct advantage, although they were a long time in gaining it. On a pitch that offered some help to the seam and swing of Simon . Brown, they were reduced to 92 for four before lunch. Then another left-arm bowler, David Cox, varying his orthodox slows between round and over the wicket, worked his way through the Warwick-shire middle order, bowling more than 42 consecutive overs and finishing with a career-best five for 97.

At 200 for seven, Warwickshire were in dire straits. Only Dominic Ostler with his third successive championship score of more than 50 looked in complete command. While he dealt imperiously with all the bowling — he hit 15 fours in his 86 — nobody else could make much of Cox until Neil Smith, surely too good a player to be batting at No 9 in Warwickshire's team, saw to it that their last three wickets added 106.

It could also be argued that eccentric captaincy helped Smith to his 64 and Warwickshire to comparative safety. Simon Brown, destroyer of Warwickshire's early batting with a devastating burst of three for four in 13 balls after they had reached 60 without loss, was put out to graze for much of the atternoon. He did not bowl at all while 99 runs were added by Smith and his tail-end partners.

Smith went to his halfcentury with a straight six off the fast-medium Killeen, just 70 balls after his innings had begun. When he finally fell to the persevering Cox, Warwickshire had been saved, although the dropping of Hutton behind the wicket, before he had scored, left a black mark on their day.

Nor was the day without its hopeful signs for Durham. Simon Brown we know all about, but in the course of removing Michael Powell who played promisingly on , his debut - Wasim Khan, who lost his off stump, and Andy Moles, playing to leg and caught in the gully, Brown took his 300th firstclass wicket.

Then there was Cox. Yesterday the pitch helped him, but he varied his line intelligently. keeping a good length and turning the ball ominously far for this stage of the match. For a bowler with a previous best analysis of four for 141 at Swansea last year, his performance was something of a revelation.

It was also a source of infinite joy to a man who, on the same ground in 1994, had taken no wicket for 163 runs. Then, however, he had a little man called Brian Lara to contend with, on his way to a world-record 501.

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Malcolm strikes to leave Sussex adrift BY RUPERT COX of Eastbourne, his first

HOVE (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Sussex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 232 runs behind

dispatch Ian Salisbury from embarked on a dashing sec-Headingley in order to play at ond-wicket stand of 91 in 18 Hove, but, having taken the field at 3.30pm, with the score at 236 for seven, he will have been pleased with the opportunity to improve his indifferent 1996 county championship bowling figures that boasted just 16 wickets at more than 36 apiece. Yesterday he added three more to his collection while conceding ten runs as Derbyshire were dismissed

On a bland-looking surface, fifth-placed Derbyshire failed to capitalise on Dean Jones, their captain, winning his first championship toss since June 27. A series of injudicious shots deprived them of a substantial total; four batsmen passed forty, but none exceeded 55. But with Sussex struggling at 88 for five in reply, Devon Malcolm capturing four wickets, the notion of referring this wicket to the pitch inspectors seems incongruous. The odd ball has swung or seamed, but the wicket is, in the main, reliable. Sussex had to do without Jason Lewry, with a back complaint, and Paul Jarvis, who has a stress fracture of the left ankle. These injuries allowed Sussex to give James

Kirtley, the son of the Mayor

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Glamorgan v Leicestershire

SWANSEA (first day of four, Leicestershire won toss) Leicestershire have scored 296

A Habib, 1P A Nibern, DJ Milins, GJ Parsons, A R K Person and M T Brimson to bot FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-95, 3-124.

BOWLING: Gibson 14-3-87-0; Thomas 14-0-63-0; Butcher 16-2-74-2; Croft 22-4-55-1; Kendrick, 1.3-1-0-0; Maymard, 0.3-0-0-0; Cottey 5-1-15-0.

GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Moms, A W Evans, "M P Mayrard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, O D Gibson, R D B Croft, N M Kendrick, †C P Metson, S D Thomas.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 1 Lalcestershire 2 Umpires; A A Jones and FI A White.

Hampshire v

Gloucestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of law; Hamp-shire won toss): Gloucestershire, with six first-harbigs widets in hand, are 48 runs behind Hampshire HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

HAMIPSHINE: First Innings
UP Stephenson c Ball b Walsh
JS Laney c Williams b Lewis
K D James c Weish b Davis
A Smith c Devis b Alleyne
WS Kendall c Davis b Walsh
M Keech c Symonds b Walsh
M Macch c Bymonds b Walsh
S D Udall c Hancock b Devis
R J Maru c Williams b Walsh
A C A Connor not out

8 F Smith not out P V Simmons not out

Total (3 w/ds, 73 overs)

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championship outing of the season, and bowling at a brisk medium pace he claimed two wickets for 61. Derbyshire, having lost Rollins in the third over,

overs between Kim Barnett and Chris Adams, showing an array of brutal drives, some fortune and sloppy fielding. But Adams, one over after surviving a sharp chance to long leg, drove rashly at Law and gave an edge to Athey at second slip. Barnett, soon after securing his ninth half-century of the summer, also drove wildly, diverting the ball onto his stumps.

The entertainment continued with Derbyshire hurrying along, well in excess of four an over, whilst Sussex's attack gradually worked their way through the visitors' batting. Jones, with over two thousand runs to his name in all competitions this year, was adjudged leg-before offering no shot to Vasbert Drakes during an excellent post-lunch spell by the West Indian.
It left Tim O'Gorman and

Karl Krikken to push Derbyshire beyond the 300 mark, O'Gorman notching up his fifty from 75 balls. Krikken, who continues to advance his reputation as a batsman. moved past 650 first-class runs before Salisbury returned to wicketkeeper last man out for

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-12, 3-60, 4-78, 5-153, 6-163, 7-176, 8-176, 9-185

BOWLING: Waish 17-7-34-5, Lewis 10-2-40-1; Alloyne 12-4-49-1; Davis 13.2-3-54-3; Bell 5-1-8-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

tRCJ Williams, MCJ Ball, RP Davis, J Lawis and "CA Walsh to bell

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-19, 4-76 BOMLING Connor 11-5-21-3; Bovit 5-0-21-1; Stephenson 7-3-22-0; James 6-1-17-0; Maru 6-3-17-0; Udal 7-1-18-0; Keech

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Wiles

Lancashire v Surrey

SOUTHPORT (second day of lour), Surrey with four second-immigs wickets in hand are 432 runs ahead of Lancashiro

SUPPREY: First Invings 211 (I D Austin 4 to 46, P J Martin 4 for 59)

Second Immgs

D J Bichnel b Eworthy
M A Butcher c Titcherd b Chapple
J D Raddite c Watkinson b Gallan
N Shahid c Hogg b Gallan
N Shahid c Hogg b Gallan
"A J Holloeke c Titcherd b Chapple

*A J Holloeise c Techard b Chapple . B P Julian not out . G J Kensey not out .

Extres (b 4, lb 8, nb 8) - ---

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-123, 3-123, 4-124, 5-159, 6-249

90WLING: Martin 3-1-27-0; Austin 8-1-44-0. Bworthy 15.4-1-71-1. Chapple 15-2-93-2. Gellian 15-3-58-3, Watkinson 10-2-39-0. Tilchard 5-0-24-0

Total (6 wkts)

Estras (fb 4, w 1, nb 4)

Total (4 wids, 48 overs) .

Gooch still far from finished

GRAHAM GOOCH, who celebrated his 43rd birthday last month, collected the 125th first-class century of his career at Taunton yesterday, blud-geoning his way to 186 not out in an Essex total of 417 for six (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Gooch struck 30 fours and four sixes off a weakened Somerset attack while facing 270 balls over 6½ hours of almost chanceless batting. It was his fifth three-figure score of a season in which he has also been dismissed twice in Lively support was offered by Stuart Law, with 63 from 65 balls, and Ronnie Irani

who arrived hotfoot from Headingley in time to help add 170 for the sixth-wicket, of which he made 87. Dominic Hewson, 22 years Gooch's junior, has a good chance today of joining a select band who have made a hundred on their championship debut. Hewson was 87

not out when Gloucestershire

closed at 138 for four at

Southampton in response to Hampshire's 186. It had been a day dominated by pace bowlers until Hewson stood firm. Courtney Walsh took five for 34 while Cardigan Connor, back after injury, took three wickets as Gloucestershire struggled.

The home batsmen could make little of Phil Tufnell at Trent Bridge, where the former England slow bowler took four for 41 in 38 taxing overs as Middlesex dismissed Nottinghamshire for 257.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

LANCASHRE: First Innings
J F R Gallian o Brown b M P Bicknell
S P Trichard b M P Bicknell
N J Speak b M P Bicknell
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G D Lloyd c Kersey b Julian
"M Watherson o Kersey b Julian
"M Watherson o Kersey b M P Bicknell
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C Chapple c Kersey b Bengamin
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Bonus points: Lanceshire 4 Surrey 5 Umpires JW Holder and KJ Lyona Northamptonshire v Kent NORTHAMPTON (first day of lour; Kent won loss) Northamptonstare, with all first-strangs wickets in hand, are 313 runs behind Kent

KENT. First innings D P Fulton b Snape . . . M J Walker low b Capel . M J Waher tow to Capel

"T R Ward o Curran b Capel ...
C L Hooper c Capel b Taylor ...
N J Llong c Ripley b Penbarthy
M V Pleming b Ambrose
15 C Wills c Walton b Curran D W Headley c Ripley b Walton M M Patel c Fordham b Taylor Extres (0 4, to 12, no 4)

NORTHAMPTONSHIPE: First Invitogs R R Montgomene not out . "A Fordham not out

T C Walton, K M Curran, D J Capel, D J Sales, A L Penberthy, J N Snape, 1D Riploy, C E L Ambrose and J P Taylor to bot BOWLING: McCague 2-1-2-0; Heartley 1-0-Bonus points. Northamplonshire 4 Kent 3 Umpires V A Holder and B J Meyer

Nottinghamshire v Middlesex TRENT BRIDGE (first day of tour, Nat-linghamshire won tosal. Nottinghamshiro have scored 257 against Middlesex NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Images

Extras (b 8.1b 10. nb 6) . . WildDLESEX: PN Weckes, JC Pooley, "M R Rumprakash, JD Corr, O A Shah, 1K R Brown, K P Dutch, R A Fay, R L Johnson, A R C Fraser, P C R Tutnell. Bonus ponts, Nottinghamshire 2 Modlesex 4,

Umpres: H D Bird and N T Plews. Somerset v Essex TAUNTON (first day of lour, Essex won loss); Essex have acqued 417 for six wickets

C J Adoms c Athey b Law
"D M Jones tow b Drakes
T J G O'Gorman c Moores b Kirtley J G Golman E Woodes o Kerboy

K M Wels c Law b Kurley

K M Kritken c Kirdey b Salsbury

P A J Defretas two to Glodins

M J Vandrau c Greenflold b Salsbury

K J Dean b Salsbury

D E Mascolm not out Extras (b 2, to 18, w 1, nb 20)41 T**otal (77 overs)** FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-102, 3-123, 4-159, 5-212, 6-221, 7-236, 8-287, 9-315

Bernett b Law Rollins c Wells b Drakes

BOWLING: Drahes 19-5-73-2. Kittley 16-2-61-2: Griddins 17-1-78-1; Law 17-2-78-2; Salebury 8-5-10-3 SUSSEX: First innings C W J Athey C Jones b Malcolm K Greenfield a Rollins b Malcolm "A P Wells a Adams b DeFreuss M P Speight not out

R J Kirdey b Malcolm E S H Giddins b Malcolm Extres (fb 4, np 2) Total (5 wids, 24.4 overs) h. Newell, D. A. Law, †P. Moores, I. D. K. Salisbury and V.C. Drakes to bet.

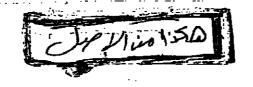
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21, 3-85, 4-86 **80WLNG** Malcolm 7 4-0-41-4; DeFreVall 12-3-25-1, Dean 5-2-18-0. Umpires: 8 Dudleston and R Palmer

Warwickshire v Durham EDGBASTON first day of lour. Warwickshell with toss): Durham, with all first-innings McKels in hand, are 298 runs Name takin

WARWICKSHIRE: First J Moles c Cox b Brown J J Powell low b Brown M. J. Powell tow b Brown*
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D. P. Osfer b Cor
T. L. Pennoy o Deley b Cox
S. M. Politock c Campbell b Cox
D. R. Brown hat worket b Wood
M. Burns c Weston b Cox
M. M. K. Smith et Lugenwood b CX
A. F. Giles c Campbell b Killeen
T. A. Munton not out Extras (% 3, w 1, nb 18) Total (95.1 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-80, 2-80, 3-69, 5-181, 6-182, 7-200, 8-238, 9-280 BOWLING Brown 22:4-71-3; Wood 13-0-83-1, Killeen 18-4-52-1; Cax 42:1-14-97-5

DURHAM: First Innings l'otal (no wkt. 10 overs) J. A. Daley, *M. A. Roseberry, P. Bambridge, R. M. S. Woston, †D. G. C. Ligertwood, J. Wood, D. M. Cas. S. J. E. Brown and N. Falleen to bat. BOWLING: Pollock 5-3-3-0 Muston 3-2-1-0; Smith 2-0-4-0 Borrus points: Warrackshire 3 Durham 4

Umpres: J D Bond and C Share





EQUESTRIANISM

Offer to lead Britain's team tempts **Phillips**

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARK PHILLIPS, who masterminded the United States's silver-medal success in the Olympic three-day event in Atlanta, confirmed yesterday that he has been approached by the British selection committee on the possibility of managing the Great Britain

team.
Phillips was at Burghley, in Lincolnshire, yesterday, un-veiling his course for the Burghley Pedigree Chum horse trials next month. "] have been asked how I would feel about taking on the British team and I am seriously monsidering it," he said. "Britain is my home and obviously

I would like to work in my own country and with my own team - but Britain has a lot of hard thinking to do about conditions and the exact role which I would fulfil before a formal offer is made. The last thing I want to do is to impose myself on a set of riders who don't want me. That would be a recipe for disaster."

The offer was confirmed yesterday by Michael Tucker, a member of the British selection committee, and comes after Britain's disappointing showing in Atlanta, where, for the second successive Games, the team started as one of the favourites and returned empty-handed. "We are aware that the Americans are likely to try to renew their contract with Captain Phillips," Tucker said. "That is why we made ur offer." No further steps will be taken until Bridget Parker, the chairman of the selectors, has had a formal meeting with Phillips.

Phillips, a member of Britain's Olympic gold medalwinning team in 1972, trained the Spain team from 1988-92 and took on the United States team after the Barcelona Games, where, after years of disappointments, they only managed to finish tenth. The

tion in Atlanta was attributed largely to Phillips. "He's worked wonders - we certainly don't want to lose him." David O'Connor, one of the team's silver medal-winners in Atlanta, said,

With a formal renewal of contract expected from the United States within the next month. Phillips looks likely to have both countries "bidding" for him. Money, though, may not be the deciding factor. While admitting that he "can't afford to work for nothing". Phillips said that he is "tired" of flying across the Atlantic. "I have made 18 flights already this year. A home job would be

attractive," he said. One job he already has safely under his belt over here is course designer for the Burghley horse trials. His course is designed to encourage the "fast, bold crosscountry riding" that was so lacking in Britain's Olympic effort.

It is a 33-fence course where the "problem" obstacles begin as early as fence three, the Leaf Pit, involving a huge leap of faith by horse and rider over a log perched on a hill into what looks like infinity. "Anyone who thinks this is not going to be a proper Burghley after the Olympic Games will have those fears allayed when they get here," Phillips said.

The trials, which carry a first prize of £15,000, have attracted many of the sport's top names, including William Fox-Pitt, on Lochalan, and Karen Dixon with her 1992 Olympic horse, Get Smart. The United States are represented by three of their silver medal-winners, Bruce Davidson, Karen and David O'Connor. When asked if he would be walking the course with the United States riders and offering advice, Phillips said: "Yes, but not exclusively. Any rider who wants to join me in a

Peters tunes up with first victory

Edward Gorman

sees Ancasta skipper

lead from start in battle of the Melges

RUSSELL PETERS, the Ultra 30 skipper who will shortly defend his title in that class against Lawrie Smith, yesterday won his first race in the hotly-contested Glenfiddich Melges 24 fleet at Skandia Life Cowes Week.

Racing in a light and streaky sea breeze on a windward-leeward course which turned into two reaches. Peters, on Ancasta, led from start to finish with Ian Pinnell, on Pink Lips, chasing all the time. The contest for third was between Mike Lennon, on Raw Hyde, and Giorgio Zuccoli, the top Italian skip-per, on Ale Ali Reiter.

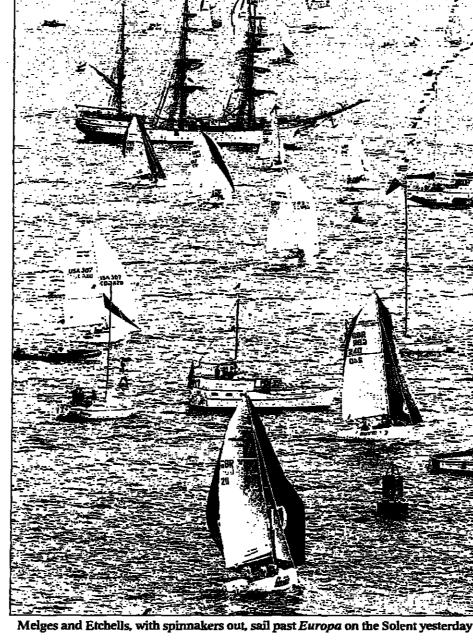
The Italian had the advantage until the penultimate mark when a fluffed spinnaker drop let Lennon, the class champion. slip through to secure another valuable finish in the top three. Peters was happy with his first win. "I was pleased with our performance in the breezy tight reaches." he said. "Racing after that was processional, so we were able to keep our lead to the finish."

David Bedford on Glenfiddich 1, the overall leader until yesterday, put in his first poor result of the week, finishing in fifteenth. But he is still in the race for the title which, with two races to come, now looks to be between him with 9.00 points after one discard, and Lennon, in the lead with 7.25. There is then a gap to Peters on 24.5 points and Zuccoli on 26.00.

The Melges fleet at Cowes is attracting interest from leading names in the returning Great Britain Olympic yachting team. Yesterday Ben Ainslie, 19. silver medal-winner in the Laser class, crewed for Paul Brotherton, the former Olympic 470 sailor, on Wolf Cub. Today John Merricks, the 470 helmsman who also won silver in Savannah together with his crew, Ian Walker, is expected to deputise for Peters on Ancasta. Andy Beadsworth who just missed a bronze in the Solings at the Games, may also sail in the class today with Pinnell on Pink Lips.

In the Solent Sunbeam dayboat class, the imposter in

EXCLUSIVE TIMES COMPETITION



Jonathan Money, of Falmouth, is continuing to give the local boats a hard time. The elegant 26ft Sunbeams, designed Ьy Alfred Westmacott, have raced at Cowes every year since 1923. The 42 boats in class are split

between Falmouth and Itchenor, in Chichester Harbour, and Polly is the first to take the Solent fleet for more than 20 years. Money, who helmed the 45-

footer, Juno, in the victorious British Admirals Cup team of 1989, is having a good regatta.

first race on Sunday, was disqualified on Monday but TONY CASTRO LIMITED then came back on Wednesday with a second place. Yesterday, he secured his second win, ahead of Mike

and is in a strong position.
In the New York Yacht Club Challenge Cup sailed together by the four maxis and by Class I, Glynn Williams's BH-41. Wolf, had another valuable win, ahead of Longobarda. Mike Slade's maxi, with Johnnie Caulcutt's Multipep

Williamson on Santa Baby

and Richard Dale on Fleury

Maxima, finishing in third.

A REPORT (August 6) on Charlie Mills's new yacht, Shoot the Bar, designed by Tony Castro, of Hamble, referred to a problem on her maiden voyage with the oversized rudder. We are happy to make it clear that although the rudder was fitted on the instructions of Mr Mills, it was neither designed nor approved by Mr Castro for use on the yacht. We apologise for any embarrassment caused to

BOWLS

England trio move nearer to final place

By GORDON ALLAN

ENGLAND took a long stride towards the final of the triples when Wendy Line, Jean Baker and Mary Price defeated Jannie de Beer, Barbara Redshaw and Hester Bekker, of South Africa, 24-17 in the women's world championships at Leamington Spa

yesterday. The win put England two points clear of the South Africans at the top of their qualifying section, with two matches remaining.

The stands were full for the first time this week and spectators saw a count of six shots on the third end inspire England, who dominated play from then on, with everyone

contributing. Their last round-robin match today is against Scotland, who beat Fiji 30-10 to retain third place in the table. Wales and New Zealand are joint leaders in the other

In the pairs, Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, the defending champions, beat their closest rivals. Lorna Trigwell and Jo Peacock, of South Africa, 25-11 to take over the leadership of their section with three match-

Nolan and Johnston weathered some anxious moments before pulling away from Trigwell and Peacock with 11 shots in seven ends in midmatch.

In the morning the South African pair lost their unbeaten record to Papua New Guinea, the only team, as it happens, to have defeated

Ireland. Trigwell and Peacock never led but did score five shots on the eighteenth end to tie the match 15-15. The Papua New Guinea pair of Lady Karina Okuk and Linda Ahmat held

on to win 19-16. The Irish pair, 7-1 down to Holland, raised their game in the second half, winning nine of the last 11 ends and the match 26-11. They were still 11-9 down after 14 ends but a burst of 17 shots over the last seven ends made the victory

Jersey, Fiji and Scotland are the first three in the other section, where Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw, of England, are out of the hunt in eighth position.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 34 VILLAFRANCHIAN

(c) Of, pertaining to, or designating a stratigraphical stage in Europe variously assigned to the Upper Pliotene and the Lower Pleistocene. A toponym from Villafranca d'Asti in Northern Italy, in the vicinity of which exposures of this series occur. "Villafranchian is the terrestrial equivalent (in France and Italy) of the marine Calabrian. Before 1948, it was used for the latest division of the Pliotene." division of the Pliocene

secure.

TRISTIMULUS (b) Each of three reference colours (as red, green and blue) which can be combined additively in specified proportions (tristimulus values) to produce any given colour. "The tristimulus values of the recommended standard source for wave-length 4.800 angstroms are given by the ordinates at that wave-length of

(a) Witcheraft, sorcery, a charm or spell, a magical object. An adaptation of the Haitian Creole ouanga witcheraft, perhaps from Kimbundu wanga witcheraft or Tshiluba bwanga a charm or fetish. "Another sort held gunpowder and red pepper; these were wangas to be thrown into somebody's path to cause them to

ZUGTROMPETE (c) A slide trumpet. From the German zug pulling, tugging • trompete a trumpet. "The slide trumpet. Zugtrompete, was used in Germany in the early 18th century. eg in Bach's cantatas."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Qxh7+! Kxh7 2 Rh3+ Kg6 3 RgI mate.

BOXING

Eubank's return has royal assent

By Srikumar Sen OXING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER promising ten months ago never to return to the sport he loved to hate, Chris Eubank reverted to type yesterday and announced his comeback. This time he will not be just boxer-manager, but his own promoter as well. His return will be for a limited period, possibly 18 months, after which he thinks he will be the world's first billion-

dollar sportsman.

Although he is believed to be receiving £1 million for the first official boxing match to be held in Egypt, in the 32,000capacity Cairo indoor arena on October 12. Eubank said the decision had not been influenced by the need to make money, but rather to accede to the request of Middle Eastern royalty.

He will box in the Middle East for all but one of his bouts, which will be staged at EuroDisneyland, near Paris, which is part-owned by a Saudi Arabian prince. His opponent in the The Style on the Nile" will be one Dario Mattoni, of Argentina, who will be 36 at the end of this month, has only two defeats out of 35 contests and holds his country's light-heavyweight

Eubank, who was 30 yesterday, looked a trim 12st olb at a press conference at the London offices of Al-Ahram, a Cairo newspaper that is back-ing him. He admitted that, while he still disliked boxing. he had missed "the buzz". "It's great to be back," he said. "I have not seen anyone like myself as far as style is concerned and there's a need for characters. I think I have a little entertaining to do in the next year and a half. I'll fight at light-heavy and supermiddle.

"Three months after I retired I got an invitation from the royal court of Jordan and I was asked to show my ring prowess, my boxing skills, my grace in the ring. I went to Jordan at the invitation of King Husain, I have no money problems. But when you're asked by royalty and governments of the Middle

"I intend to be the first sportsman to acquire a billion dollars. Not direct from boxing, but in and around it, from businesses. I am a promoter. I have been taught very well by Barry Hearn, who has given me his blessing. The seven fights that I contested before I retired took their toll. The rest has given me time to recharge. This time I will not fight every six weeks, but possibly every four months."

IN BRIEF

Wigan set sights on regaining top spot

WIGAN have the opportunity to regain from St Helens the leadership of the Stones Super League when they play Leeds — whom they have beaten on 17 of the past 18 visits — at home tonight (Christopher Irvine writes). If they do so, though, it is likely to last for only 24 hours.

St Helens, with a game in hand, play away to Paris Saint-Germain tomorrow and conclude the season at home to Sheffield Eagles and Warrington. Leeds have avoided relegation and Dean Bell, the coach, has ruled out a playing return to his former club. He has Graham Holroyd and Dean Clark, the half backs, and David Hulme, at loose forward, fit again.

Hamed at double

Boxing: Naseem Hamed and Steve Collins have been lined up for a double world championship bill in Britain on October 12. Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion. will have a unification contest against Tom Johnson, of the United States, holder of the International Boxing Federation title, if both come through defences in Dublin on August 31. There, Hamed faces Manuel Medina, of Mexico, and Johnson takes on Ramon Guzman, of Venezuela. Collins's opponent is yet to be

named.

Keith Knox, 29, of Scotland. will challenge Jesper Jensen, of Denmark, for his European flyweight title in Copenhagen on September 13,

Slough out

Hockey: Slough, former national champions and the last English club to win the European Cup, have resigned from the National League, which starts on September 29, because they have insufficient players to run a first X1.

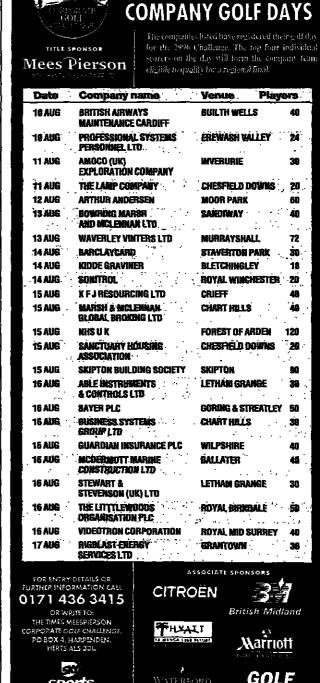
Syed leads way

Table tennis: Matthew Syed, of Reading, still leads the England men's rankings despite failing to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics. Carl Prean, the Brazilian Open in Rio last month, moves up to the No 3 spot in place of Chen Xinhua, who has returned to China.

Eagles swoop

FORTHCOMING

Basketball: Newcastle Eagles have appointed the American. Tom Hancock, 52, as head coach. His last coaching post in Britain saw him guide the unfancied Oldham Bears to a surprise play-off berth in the



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Faldo battles to regain masterly touch

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN LOUISVILLE

PUTTING, which golfers describe as a game within a game, may have ended Nick Faldo's chances in the Open Championship three weeks ago. When he missed short putts on the 5th, 6th and 7th holes of the fourth round, there were two consequences. He failed to pressurise Tom Lehman, his playing partner and eventual winner, and he did nothing for his chances of adding the Open Championship to the Masters he had won three months earlier.

So putting was clearly in the forefront of Faldo's mind as he prepared for the US PGA Championship, first in the steamy heat of Florida, where he practised intently each morning with David Lead-better, his coach, and then here at Valhalla. On Monday he took delivery of a new putter, one made by Mizuno to his own specifications. "The face suits his style of putting, the way he takes the putter head back, better than the Odyssey he used to use." Leadbetter said,

Would it have as magical an effect on Faldo as his adoption of the T-Zoid driver, which gave him another 15 yards from the tee, had had on his play earlier in the year? The early signs were that it would. On the first green yesterday morning. Faldo faced a 15-footer that would break gently from right to left. He swung confidently and the ball moved in on its target and plunged into the hole faster than a ferret down a rabbit

A good chip on the long 2nd hole set Faldo up for another birdie and at two under par he had made the best possible start. Leadbetter was bubbling happily among the gallery that followed Faldo, Steve Jones, the US Open champion, and Lehman and even three putts on the 3rd made no difference. Faldo holed out confidently from nine feet on the 6th to go back to two under

Faldo, like Jack Nicklaus in his prime, is so methodical that he allows his strategy to overrule his heart. A lack of aggression can quickly become excessive caution. This something that Leadbetter had worked hard on with Faldo at Lake Nona

A chance remark by Mark McNulty helped, too. McNulty said that when Bob-

EARLY SCORES

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 68: M Brooks
 68: D Edwards, J Cook, N Faldo (GB)
 70: P Azinger
 71: P Burte, D Frost (SA), P Burte, A Cejka
 (Ger), T Hemon, T Latiman
 72: G Morgan, N Harte, J Hans
 73: S Ingraham, L Rinker, C Strange, D
 Waldorf, B Langer (Cer), J Sindelar, S
 Strater, L Nelson
 74: P Arthur, W Grady (Aus)
 75: C Anderson, B Lohr, B Andrade, D
 Ogen, J Ozalu (Japan), S Jones, M
 Carripbell (NZ)
 76: G Wate (NZ)

by Locke, the great South African, was struggling on the greens he would practise putting more from a closed stance. Faldo tried this and it worked - and it was working yesterday morning. He had also tried putting with a nineiron to improve his stroke and striking.

In the steamy heat of yester-day morning, the temperature rose to the high eighties and it looked as though Faldo's hands were slipping off the club. On three tee shots and at least one other shot his right hand came off the grip just after impact. The white powder from a small glass bottle

given to him by Fanny Sunesson, his caddie, that he sprinkled on his hands did not always work. By the 13th hole he had fallen back to one over

What went through his mind as he stood on the 14th tee? Was it Leadbetter's urgings to him to be more aggressive or his realisation that he was four or five strokes behind the leaders. David Edwards and Mark Brooks, and that in the year's last major championship he had better get going? Suddenly he

His tee shot with a three-iron on the 14th flew unerringly straight, stopping four feet from the flag for a birdie. Faldo sank an 18-foot putt on the next and a putt of ten feet on the 16th. You can always tell how Faldo is playing by his speed of play and now he was walking briskly down the fairways, his head protected by a dark blue baseball-type cap. He was putting boldly, too; he did not fiddle around at the address as he so often

Such was his confidence that Faldo deliberately aimed for a grassy hollow just be-neath and to one side of the 18th green. From there he deftly laid a chip dead. That was his eighth birdie of the day, to offset five bogeys. If this sounds like a most

un-Faldoesque round - eight birdies and five bogeys - then there was a reason. "I knew I had to be aggressive," he said, and when you are you have to take everything that you can get, including some mistakes." Of his round of 69, three under par, he said: "That was a good score." It put him two

strokes behind Steve Elkington, of Australia, the

defending champion and early

leader in the clubhouse.



didn't quite pull off the shot," she said. To compound the

error, she missed a par putt of

two feet and took a double

bogey six at the next, where

she bunkered her second and eventually missed another

short putt, to slip to three over

slippery downhill birdie putt

at the 17th and hit a massive

drive over all the hills at the

last. The hole measures 439

yards and Davies had only 102

to the pin, which she negotiat-

putts, from 12 feet. Five shots

behind she may be but never

forget this is the course where

Peter O'Malley played the last

five holes in seven under par,

to snatch the Scottish Open

for Janice Moodie, the young

It was not such a good day

from Colin Montgomerie.

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However, Davies holed a

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Watson and Lane get in swing

SCOTT WATSON, a journeyman golfer, and the Ryder Cup player, Barry Lane, were well satisfied with their day's work during the first round of the Hohe Brucke Austrian Open at Litschau yesterday. but for different reasons.

Watson, 29, from Basingstoke, shot an eight-underpar 64 to lead Massimo Scarpa, of Italy, and Juan Piñero, of Spain, by one shot and is hopeful of gaining his largest cheque of the year. Lane shot 69, five off the pace, but was happy that his new swing seems at last to be bearing fruit.

Watson has been carrying his clubs because he cannot afford a caddie. "My wife, Donna, is expecting our first child in September and she has now stopped working," he said. "She was earning more than I was at golf. This is only my eighth Tour event of the year. I've won just under £13,000. Unfortunately my expenses have been more than

BASERALL

Matthew produces regal display

By Patricia Davies

CATRIONA MATTHEW is a native Scot who studied at Stirling University, a few miles from Gleneagles, but local knowledge was not the reason she shared the lead with Tina Fischer and Fiona Pike after a first round of 68. four under par, on the King's Course in the inaugural Mc-Donald's WPGA championship yesterday.

Matthew, a former British amateur champion, had not played here until this week and brought with her the form that earned a share of twelfth place in the du Maurier Classic in Canada on Sunday. Her closing round of 70, two under par, was surpassed only by the 66 of Laura Davies. Matthew, a quiet, thought-

ful soul, turned professional two years ago, but last season. her first on the US tour, was disrupted when she was rushed to hospital in Tucson in March for an emergency operation to remove an ovarian cyst. Essentially, it took the rest of the year to recover fully - "I think I came back too soon," she said - but she and

Graeme, her husband, who caddies for her, are now pretty well adjusted to life out of a

Out early on a dull day, in the best of the weather before a fierce wind started, Matthew started inauspiciously with a bogey five at the first, where she underclubbed up the hill and three putted. She settled down with birdies at the 4th, 6th and 7th, the three par fives on the front nine, all reached in two and added further birdies at the 14th and 18th, which is another reachable

Pike and Fischer proved more than adept. The former, an Australian, had two eagles

68: T Fischer (Ger), C Matthew, F Pike

70: C Sorenstam (Swe). L Lambert (Aus), H Koch (Swe), K Pagros (Aus), J Amold (NZ), M-L de Lorenzi (Fr).

71: P Rigby-Jinglov (Swe), M Arruti (Sp). S Mendiburu (Fr), J Mills (Aus), J Marley, C Peek (US).

P Meunier-Lebouc (Fr), H Wadsworth

Great Britain and Ireland

- a three at the 7th, where she driveable for most players and hit a five-iron to six feet, and a two-ironable for Davies, but two at the 14th, where she hit her drive to ten feet. Fischer thought everything

about the place and the event was well-nigh perfect - her only criticism was of the 13th green but she managed six birdies elsewhere. Davies, who returned a 73, was also an early starter but she was erratic and said she

missed too many short par putts on greens that are full of subtle slopes. Out in 38, one over par, she also dropped a shot at the 10th, but got back to level par with birdies at the 11th and 13th.

The 14th, 255 yards long, is

Hackney, K Marshall, T Johnson

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Last British hopes go with More not only did the world No I not birdie it, she dropped a shot. "I tried to cut the two-iron in and

THE last British flame was extinguished in the girl's Open Amateur championship at Formby yesterday when Fame More, 15, from Chesterfield, was pipped at the post in the quarter-finals by Guilia Sergal, the Italian who had knocked out Rebecca Hudson, the English junior champion, the previous day.

More, the Derbyshire girls' title-holder, ruffled the feathers of the Italian early on and won two of the first three holes to raise her hopes, but a brilliant display round the green brought Sergal back into the match and they stood on the 18th tee all square.

The normally confident More put her drive into bushes and it was effectively all over. Ironically, Sergaf did not play nearly as well in the afternoon and was crushed 5 and 4 by Caroline Laurens, a steady French teenager.

Scot from Windyhill who has been a star of the last two Laurens meets her compatriot, Marine Monnet, over 18 Curtis Cups. She was disqualiholes in the first all-French fied for signing for an incorfinal this morning.

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CRICKET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): The Ovet: Northamptonshire 384-6 dec (A.J. Swarm 174, A.R. Roberts 87, K.J. Irnes 50] and 161-4, Surrey 182 (A.J. Tudor 52) and 382 (B.C. Holloelet 135, A.W. Smith 81, J A North 70, ! J Ward 56]
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FOOTBALL European Cup Winners' Cup

Qualitying round, first leg BELGRADE (D) O HEARTS Wednesday's late results

Wednesday's interresular value of the Cup? Cuestiying round, first leg: Rangers 3 Alarica Vaddicavicaz 1: Maccabi Tel-Aut' 0 Fenerbahoe 1: IFK 3 Feronceros 0: FC Brugge 2 Seesus Bucharest 2: Widzew Lodz 2 Brondby 1: Parsthinakos 1 Rosenborg 0: Grasshopper Zurich 5 Sarka Progue 0: Repid Verma 2 Dynamo Kiev 0. PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Altracham 1 Manchester United XI 2: Barnet 0 Crystal Palace 3: Cambridge United 1 Charlton Athletic 1, Hayes 3 Swindon Town 0; Hudderslield () Leeds United (): Kettering Town 2 Leicester City 1, Mossley 1 Halfax Town 3, Shidon 0 Dearlington (); Southend United 1 Tottenham Holspur 3, Slevenage Borough 1 Wimbledon 1, Scarborough 2 York City 3; Famborough Town 0 Quisens Park Rangers 0; Leynon Onsm 1 West Ham United 0; Yeoul Town 0 Everton XI (); Bury 1 Sunderland 1, Glenavon 0 Shaffield United 4; Torquay United 2 Dawlish Town 0; Barrow 1 Preston North End 0; Luton Town 2 Norwich City 0; Nottingham Forest 1 Notts County I (Notts County I) (Notts County won 1-3 on pens); Mellock Town 1 Derby County XI 4.

LITSCHAU: Austrian Open: Leading first-round scores (GB and ire unless stated)-64: S Watson 65: M Scarpa (R), J Pinero (Sp) 88: T Netson (Non, G Clark, D Hogdins, D Lyrar, S Webster, H Thut (Gc) 67: G Owen, M Larner (Swe), A Hunter, B Pappas (SA), R Muntz (Hol), P Golding, A Sherborno, C Balmaseda (Spi, S Dodd, A Sherborno, C Balmaseda (Spi, S Dodd, A Sherborno, C Balmaseda (Spi, S Dodd, A Bostert (Switz), S Grappascome (R), P Haugsrud (Non, B Marchbank 68: T Edund (Swe), P Tathol. T Google (Ger), S Pullan, R Burts, G J Brand, A Kankkonen (Fin), T Planchin (Fri, D R Jones, J Lornas, LTTLESTONE: Home International: Bovs: (Fin), T Planchin (Fri), D R Jones, J Lomas, LTTLESTONE: Home International: Boys: England 10 Wales 5. Foursomes (England names first): G Storm and J Rose halved with A Smith and M Palmer; M Harrs and C Roake bt M Griffiths and O Pughe 3 and 2; P Rowe and D Griffiths bt C Williams and G Jones 2 and 1; J Lupton and A Frayre, bt 1 Campbell and M Pillongton one hole, S Walker and K Ferrie lost to A Delves and M Maltinows one hole Singles: Storm bt Smith 3 and 2; Rose bt Williams 3 and 1. Roake

haived with Palmer, Feme lost to Pikington 3 and 2; Hams bi Delves 6 and 5; Walker tost to R Donoven 2 and 1; D Kirton bi M Griffiths one hole, D Griffiths lost to Prugh 5 and 4; Lupton to Jones 4 and 3; Howe bi Campbell 3 and 2; Scotland 11 instand 4. Foursomes (Scotland names linst) M Brown and 5 Whiteford bi D Jones and D Sugne 4 and 3; M Lottus and F McLaughish haived with M Campbell and L Dalton; P Whiteford and S Home bit S Hood and A Murray one hole, J Hughes and G Dingwell bit C Monarly and A Lynch 4 and 2; M Donaldson and 1 McInally bit M McGoody and G McNeill 3 and 2 Singles; Brown lost to Sugnue 5 and 4; Lottus bit Deliton 4 and 3; Home bit Hood lwo notes, McLaughian lost to Sugnue 5 and 4; Lottus bit Deliton 4 and 3; Home bit Hood lwo notes, McLaughian lost to Lynch 6 and 4; McInally bit McKeill 4 and 3; Donaldson to P McCabrey one hole P Whiteford bit Campbell one hole, Dingwall bit McGeady 2 and 1; G Murro halved with Murray, S Whiteford lost to Jones 5 and 3 PCRMBY: British girls Open anatour champlonship; First round: M Estanda (Sp) bit R Pozza (If) 2 and 1; M Mornet (F) bit L Moltat (West Kübride) 2 and 1; M Cosertza (t) bit M Beautell (Sp) 1 hois; L Walters (Chewn) bit S Chouelon (F) 2 holes; E Weets (Bernschoth High bit A Spen (F) 2 and 1; C Hanson (Den) bit C Vagner (Den) 7 and 6 M Bendevis (Den) bit C Vagner (Den) 7 and 6 M Bendevis (Den) bit K Stark (Brynnill) 3 and 1; K Ichre (Fr) bit C Court (Goodwood) 2 holes; F More (Chesterfield) bit A Mosquer (F) 3 and 2; J Krantz (Swe) bit A Mosquer (F) 3 and 2; J Krantz (Swe) bit A Mosquer (F) 3 and 2; J Krantz (Swe) bit A Laking (Musselburgh) 1 hole; C Laurers (F) bit Marte (So) 1 hole; C Elekunch (Swe) bit V Laking (Musselburgh) 1 hole, L Meredilip (Peading) bit V Zora (t) 4 and 2 Second round: Monnet bit Estrada 4 and 3;

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET Second Combil Test match 11.0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum HEADINGLEY: England v Pakistan Britannic Assurance

county championship 110, second day of lour, 104 overs SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Leicesten SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v TAUNTON: Someragt v Essex HOVE: Sussex v Derbyshire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Durham 110, thed day of four, 104 overs minmum SOUTHPORT: Lancastire v Surrey

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v South Africa A

11.0, first day of tour

RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Super League Wigan v Leeds (7 30)... FOOTBALL kick-off 7 30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Caemarion v Tramero (7 0); Erfield v Barnet; Fulham v Reading (7.45); Richmond Town v Defing-ton (7.0); Scarborough v Besten; Waterd v Cambridge Unted (7.45); Stough v Chel-sea; Wycombo v Swindon (7.45); Mon-caribe v Preston North End XI; Ercoln v Newcastle United. OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championships (at Learnington Spa). EQUESTRIANISMI: Royal Dublin horse show (at Balsbridge). GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship (at Gleneagles) ROWING: World championship Strathclydel SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week World championships (at SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Peter-borough v Long Eaton (7:30) Conference League: Peterborough v Arena Essex (7:0). Weeks 5 and 4; Icher bt Bendews 1 hole: More bt Krantz 3 and 2; Serges bt Hudson 5 and 4; Laurens bt Hunter 3 and 2; Eleitundh and 4; Latters of Foliage of the 2, present of the Merceliff 2 and 1. Cumetre-finaler. Monnet by Coserza 2 and 1; Harrsen bt Ichor one hole: More bt Songal one hole; Laurens bt Elejaungh 3 and 2. Semi-finels; Monnet bt Hensen 6 and 5; Laurens bt Songal 5 and 4

REAL TENNIS HOBART, Tasmenie: Australian Open (Australia uniess stated): Semi-linate: R Fehroy ta M Happel 6-1, 6-2, 3-6, 5-6, 6-2; F Rippell bt B Med'erlene 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, M Gooding (GB) bt N Wood 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, J Snow (GB) bt G Hylond 8-2, 6-4, 6-2

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ISLE OF WIGHT: Skandia Life Comes week: Royal Yacht Squadron and Comes town Registra: CHS Class one and Made Now York YC Cup): 1. Wolf (G Williams). 2. Lontobarda (M Stade): 3, Mais Pep (J Caulcut) CHS Class two: 1, Playback (K Lawenco). 2. Thunder (C Jago): 3. Moontiger (I Gabriel). CHS Classs three: 1, Bay Mac Whoz (R Cameron Davies): 2. J Ronimo J Ginndell): 3. Cloud Dt (R Williss). CHS Class four: 1, Oel (P Bruce): 2. Passegute (I Buze): 3. Jagga (J Dufly): CHS Class five: 1, Leia (M Hanley); 2. Five Star No. 1, (Pivo Star Saling); 3. Touchwood (M Jephoon). CHS Class size: 1, kandoo (C McKeon): 2. Non plus (A Willins): 3. Shellot (M Moody). ISC Handicap: 1, Jazz (P Ogden): 2. Charteuse (P Newell): 3, Debonair (D Guy). Sportsboats: 1, The Bull 7000 (K Sproul): 2. Mad Cow (D Belas): 3. Cahed (J Waugh). Melges 24: 1, Ancasta (C Lirie): 2. Prix Los (H Handicap: 1, Jazz (P Ogden): 2. Lucy Blue (S Lawencho); 3. Cahed (J Waugh). Lebials: 1, Yos' (A Gosling): 2, Lucy Blue (S Lawencho); 3. Cahed (J Wangh). Ethelis: 1, Yos' (A Gosling): 2, Lucy Blue (S Lawencho); 3. Cahed (J Wangh). 2. Eroist (H wan Delen): 2. Reletae (P Blake): 3. Eule (P Morton). Conlasse 32: 1, Red Apole (M Jeffe); 2. Trader (b J Greshem); 3. Blanco (T Varner). SCOD: 1, Verny ot Cower; (F Hethermoton): 2. Turnote (R Handing): 3. Anjap (R Johnson). Signes 38: 1. Solent Planus: (B Baleitbeak): 2. Highlander (G Logan): 3. Red Coal III (Amy saiing association) Signes 33: 1, Honoy ot Bosham (J Platti; 2. Firestorn (J Penry). 3. Streak (H Jenson). Dragon: 1. Sorrier (G Logan): 3, Red Coal III (Amy Sairing association) Signes 33: 1, Honoy ot Bosham (J Platti; 2. Pirestorn (J Penry). 3. Screak (H Jenson). Dragon: 1. Sorrier (G Logan): 3, Red Coal III (Amy Sairing association) Signes 33: 1, Honoy ot Bosham (J Platti; 2. Pirestorn (J Penry). 3. Souce (R Lenson). Surbeam (J Penry). 3. Souce (R Lenson). Sorgens (R Johnson). Surbeam: 1. Proto (G Logan): 3. Sout (R Monson). Surbeam: 1. Proto (G Logan): 3. Sout (R Monson). Surbeam: 1. Finny Feeling (R M MASON. Ohio: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: R Varioes, (Holl) bt V Spacles 7-6, 7-5; W Ferrera (SA) bt D Vaces, (C2) 6-2, 3-8, 6-1, M Woodlonds (Aus) bt P Korda (C2) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, B Karbacher (Ger) bt T Martin 6-4, 4-6, 8-4, T Muster (Aushts) bt W Kowelski (Po) 6-1, 6-1; M Chang bt A Mackedov (UKr) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; G Ivanisever (Col) bt J Bortonan (Swo) 8-0, 6-4; T Emprest (Swe) bt P Ratter (Aus) 6-3, 7-6; C Woodruff bt C Plotins (Fr) 7-6, 7-5, J Solitenterar (Aus) bt S Hirszon (Cro) 7-6, 6-3, C Carato (II) bt S Edbarg (Swo) 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; Y Katelinistov (Russ) bt T Hemman (GB) 8-4, 6-4, A A Qassis bt M Carsson (Swo) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, A O'Brien w/o M Washington sor. MONTREAL: Women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: M J Fernandas bt Sung-Hee Park (S Kor) 6-1, 6-1, A Frazier bt A Grossman 6-2, 6-0, N Taustat (Fr) bt P Boggrow (Gor) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 1, A Frazier bi & Grossman 6-2, 6-0; N Taupat (Fri bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, Y Basald (Indo) bi 1 Mayol (Cro) 7-6, 6-2; K Po bi A Huber (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; G Sebatru (Ag) bi S Testud (Fr) 6-3, 0-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bi J Watanabe 6-0, 6-0, E Likhovisova (Russ) bi N Arandi 6-4, 7-5; F Lahai (Arg) bi Y Flueno-Pascual (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; N Taupat (Fr) bi P Begerow (Ger) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bi N Baudone (fi) 8-0, 8-0; J Capnahi bi L Michkel 7-6, 7-5. 7-6, 7-5.

MARIA LANKOWITZ, Austria: Women's hournament: Second round: C Totren's Valero (Sp) bi S Dopter (Austria) 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; S de Ville (Bel) bi H Nagyora (Stovalua) 7-8, 6-3; S Taleja (Cro) bi M Zivec-Skul) (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; B Paulus (Austria) bi A Moriofio (Sp) 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; B Picoc-Villedia, Jurig) bi Fedretti (Nj. 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; S Cecchan (Nj. bi J Husarova (Slovakoa) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 L Centova (Cz) bt L Garrone (t) 6-4, 6-0; P Langrova (Cz) bt C Crestea (Florn) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; B Paulus (Austria) bt K Misholeza (Hun) 6-2, 6-3 SAN MARINO: Men's tournament: Second round: J Sanchez (Spi bi A Goudenzi (II) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. SOLITHSEA LTA Summer salefite tour-nement (GB unless stated) Men: Ouarter-finals: A Hurt (NZ) bi T Spinics 6-4, 6-4. P Hand bi G Henderson 6-2, 7-6, N Weau bi D Ward 6-3, 6-3; M Lee bi D Roborts (SA) 7-5. 1-6, 7-6. Women: Quarter-Bradix - 4, Jenes

SPÉEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 55 Orders 41: Long Eaton 46 Eastbourns 50; Poole 55 Bradford 41. SQUASH

MELBOURNE: Australian Women's Open: Finel: M Martin (Aus) bi S Fitzgorald (Aus) 4-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-1

1-6, 7-6, Women: Quarter-Instal: A Jenes bt 1 Semana (US) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6, C Watson (Aus) bt L Woodroffe 2-8, 6-3, 7-6; Y Davies bt L Scardigno (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; L Ahl bt S Siddal 6-3, 6-0.

TENNIS

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Brefing 6.10 Ferming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Notes from a Small Island (5/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs (r) 9.45 Feedback, with Chris Duridey Dunkley 10.00 News; Survivors (FM only). 10.00 News; Survivors (FM only).
The story of Sharon Komlos' encounter with a convicted psychopath (2/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM)
10.50 Test Match Special:
England v Pakistan (LW).
Day two from Headingley
11.30 The Natural History

11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM),
with Chris Choi

12.25pm One for the Pot (FM). See Choice (3/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (FM) (r)

1.40 The Archers (r.m) (r)
1.40 Test Match Special (I.W)
1.55 Shipping Forecast (FM)
1.55 Test Match Special (I.W)
2.00 News; The Classic Serial;
The Barchester Chronicles: Dr Thome (FM), by Anthony Trollope: Adapted by Martyn Wade (3/3) (r) 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM) 4.00 News (FM) 4.05

Kaleidoscope (FM). Tim Marlow sees an exhibition of work by Giacometti 4.45 Short Story: Insufficient Evidence (FM), by Frances

RADIO CHOICE

Into the wood for pest pie

One for the Pot. Radio 4 (FM). 12.25pm.

Writing in The Times last week. Adam Fresco described how to make a meal of grey squirrels. He did not include squirrel pie. Lionel a meal of grey squirrels. He did not include squirrel pie. Lionel Kelleway makes amends this morning. In company with a forest ranger and fungi expert — the St George's Day mushroom does wonders for squirrel pie — it takes him 20 minutes in a Herefordshire wood to catch the four rodents that will provide the filling. I could have saved them 15 minutes of hunting time by inviting them into our back garden where squirrels play tag with magpies. The greg squirrel is officially a pest. A lot of pest pies could be made out of the 2,500,000 grey squirrels that are there for the shooting.

BBC Proms 1996. Radio 3. 7.30pm.

Last night's Proms debut by the Russian National Orchestra under Mikhail Pletney was one for the history books, not just because of the Royal Albert Hall debut but because, for the first time, a British audience was able to see and hear the only entirely independent audience was able to see and near the only entirely independent orchestra to be formed in Russia since the Revolution. Plemev founded the orchestra six years ago. This time around, we don't get a chance to evaluate his enviable reputation as pianist; maybe next year. The Prom interval chat between Jonathan Swain and Robert Layton is about Pleinev and his orchestra. Tonight, we hear Haydn's symphony, No 100. Schnittle's Viola Concepto (the soloiet is Viril symphony No 100. Schnittke's Viola Concerto (the soloist is Yuri Bashmet) and Prokofiev's seventh symphony.

RADIO 1

PM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Kevm Greening, incl Golden Hour 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Pier in Radio 1 Madestow, Index from the Frail Bournemouth 12.30pm Lisa FArson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle, 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood 3.00am Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charlie Jordan

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Judi Spiera 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 The Comedy Cuz, with Parn Ayres 7.30 Finday Night is Music Night 8.45 Every Lung Thing 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 L'Imaginaire Irlandais 12.05am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports, incl 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast
Programme incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing
greview 8.35 The Magazine, with Diana
Madill, incl 10.35 News from Europe
12.00 Midday with Mair, incl 12.35pm
Moneycheck, with Katle Derham 2.05
Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide, Incl at
5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Figs. 20 Proceedings of the Conference of the Co Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chis-holm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike

Music 6.50 The Insider's Guide 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Rock Selad 8.15 Cighte Shell 8.30 Chre's Cultural Revolution 9.15 Music Review 9.45 Poems by Post 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Focus on Feith 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Cill the Shelt 12.30pm Mendlan 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Science in Action 3.05 Cuttook. 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Bartain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Spottight 6.30 News in German 7.30 Focus on Faith 9.01 Proms 96 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 For and Against 11.30 The New Europe 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.10 Spotlight 12.15 The Insider's Guide 12.25 Book Choice

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 5.30am Europe Today 5.45 Folk Routes 6.30 Europe Today 6.45 Words and Music 6.50 The Insider's Guide 7.15 The

The Insider's Gurde 12.25 Book Choice 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Paith 3.30 Meridian 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The Vintage Chart Show CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Mark Griffiths 6.00 Nick Balley 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susarmath Simons 2.00mm Concerto. Mendels-sohn (Plano Concerto No 2 in D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newanight 6.30 Sonala. Defus (Violin Sonala No 3) 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert. Pro-kolley (Symphony No in D); Mozarl (Hom Concerto No 4 in E fat); Britlen Four Sea Interfucies from Peter Grimes): (Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jone 9.00 Richard Skirner 12,00 Greham Dene 4,00pm Nicky Horne 7,00 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks 10,00 Alan Freeman 12,00 Janey Lee Grace 2,00mm Howard Pearce

Trad chant from Salzburg

50th anniversary of the testival, Sir John Drummond

selections of recordings from

(Symphony No 4 In C minor, Tragic); Berlioz (Les troyens, Death of Diod); Bartok (Piano

the BBC archives, include Bellini (La sonnambula, excerpis); Schubert

Concerto No 1): Wagner

Sarah Walker 5.15 In Tune. Includes Praetorius

Terosichore); Glazunov

7.30 BBC Proms 1990, 599
Choice
9.40 Were You Hiccuping
Natasha? Sergei Leiferkus,
bartone, and Howard Shelley,
pano, periorm songs and
preludes by Rachmaninov
10.00 Hear and Now, introduced
by Robert Ziegler Catherine
Edwards, piano, Cathryn

Pope, soprano, Compose Ensemble under Martyn Brabbins, John Woolnich

(Concert Waltz No 2 in F); Glinka (Serenata on themes from Donicetti's Anna Bolenata 7.30 BBC Proms 1996. See

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RADIO 3 Cathedral archives (r) 3.00 Mining the Archives Edinburgh International Festival. To celebrate the

6.00am On Air. Presented by Penny Gore. Includes Hummel (Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 87): Josquin (Missa de beata Virgine); J.C. Bach (Symphony in D. Op 18 No 4); Dohnanyi (Symphonic Minules); Veracmi (Sonata In A. Op 2 No 9. Accademiche); Havdn (Piano Concerto in D.

Haydn (Piano Concerto in D, H XVIII 11) 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Vaughan Williams (Concerto Grosso): Tcharkovsky (Souvenir d'un lieu cher); Mozart (Piano

iteu cherj; Mozart (Phano Concerto No 11 in F, K413) I Musical Encounters. Presented by Paul Guinery. Includes Komgold (Overture: Much Ado about Nothing); Franck (Choral No 3 in A musout: Rach (Preside and minor): Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F sharp minor, BWV 883, 48); Rachmaninov (Intermezzo; Women's Dance, Aleko): Dohnanyi (Piano Concerto No 2 in B minor)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Strawnsky 1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchti Concert: Bartok Plus. Introduced by Chris de Souza. Louise Hopkins, cello, Carole Presland, piano

Kodaly (Sonatina); Barlok (Rhapsody); Dohnanyi (Sonala in B flat minor) (r) 2.00 Music Restored, Gilian Fisher, soprano, Robert Harre-Jones, countertenor, Andrew King, tenor, Michael George, bass, Westminster Cathedral Choir and Hanove Band under James O'Donnell Mozart (Vesperae de Dominica, K321.

Misencordias Domini, K222, Litaruae lauretanae, K109);

Brabbris. John Woolrich
(Dartington Doubles;
Pianobook No 5; Here is My
Country, Pianobook No 6;
From the Shadows)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Handel (f)
1.00am Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod, Includes
3.30 Schubert (String 3.30 Schubert (String Quartets in C. D32; in 8 flat. D36; Octet in F, D803) RADIO 4

5.00 PM (FM) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 5.55 Test Match Special (LW) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (FM) 3.00 Commiss Spaces (FM) in 6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 Growing Spaces (FM). In
the last of the series. Sir Roy
Strong visits the keen
gardeners at a Scarborough
caravan park
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris
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8.05 in the Dock. Sue Cameron examines how well our MPs serve us (3/6)
8.50 Home Rules, A programme

negotiate their household

negorate her household rules (2/4) (r) 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistar Cooke 9.30 Kateldoscope Feature: Old Chains, New Links, Amanda Hopkinson talks to three authors about stavery (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bang, Bang — Who's Dead. The second of two short stories by Jane Gerdam, Read by

Andrea Wray (r)
11.00 The Mark Steel Solution.
The comic Mark Steel presents alternative solutions our every-day problems.

This week, sexual politics (r)
11.25 Fourth Column, with guest presenter Bill Tidy
11.45 The Big Umbreita. Guillermo 11.45 The Big Umbretta. Guillermo Leon leads an essay by the poel Miroslav Holub (2/5) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather 12.30 The Late Book: The Secret

History (10/15) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.8-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am), CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosentary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamera.



Animal crackers, that's what this country is

every so often I am struck by a Grand Historical Perspective. Quietly watching the television with a cup of tea, for example, I might shudder a little (What's this?") and then a Grand Historical Perspective hits me like a bus ("No!") and roars off through the party wall. It's a startling thing obviously. It happened while I was watching The Witches of Eastwick on Tuesday - I heard the accumulated voice of mankind scream Your female stars are too thin! Look at those twiggy legs! Those legs will snap!" Which is absolutely true, when you look at them. People in the next millennium will not fail in love with Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon; when they peruse The Witches of Eastwick for historical purposes, their eyes will pop with alarm.

And then last night, while watching nice RSPCA people nurs- to the Wild just knows what the ing baby fox cubs in Back to the

6.00am Open University: Problems with lons (3973354) 6.25 Venice and Antwerp (3992489) 6.50 San Frances-

(Ceetax) (s) (7728996) 9.50 Gourmet Ireland (s) (5162996)

10.50 News (Ceelax) Regional News and weather (5491170)

Pakistan. Live coverage of the second day's play from Headingley (5362809) 12.00 News (Ceefar) Regional News and

12.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (6862118) 1.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (50880) 1.30 Regional News (Ceefax) (45139606) 1.35 Cricket — Second Test: England v

afternoon's play (73211489) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (487248) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (460)

6.30 Regional News magazines (712) 7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (5199)

US Airforce (996)

8.30 Safe and Sound. New comedy series about two men obstacles (3354)

9.00 News (Ceefax) Regional News and

work by a box, Victor Meldrew embarks on his emorced_retirement but_finds. It increasingly difficult to adapt to his directionless new existence (r) (Ceetax) Road 10.20 One Fool in the Grave 10.50 Dublin Horse Show 11.30 Chicago Hope 12.15am Parkinson, the Interviews 12.55

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1.05 FILM: Until September (1964) with Karen Allen and Christopher Cazenove A touching drama about an American tourist who finds love when she become stranded in Pans Directed by Richard Marguand (704478)

2.40am Weather (5396478)

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Wild (BBCI), the bus hit me again. How would historical mankind re-Spm-on-a-Thursday sensibility gard such a slippy-sloppy activity? that it left me virtually swooning How would future mankind rewith pleasure. Tiny fox cubs suckle gard it? How would several billion furiously with their eyes closed: a Chinese people regard it? They would all shout "You are nuis! tiny roe deer delicately trots through straw in a barn; sad piano Something has gone wrong with your brains! Because at no other music tinkles over a worn-out old badger fated (regrettably) for the point in human history — and arguably in no other place in the Great Sett in the Sky. There was no Roll Harris last night, but you world - would scientific expertise can't have everything. When I be used for patching up badgers and giving physiotherapy to owls. grow up I want to work for the Being human has always meant

co. Rimini(2860847)

Playdays (7362002)

Well (45150064)

(Ceelax) (s) (4570335)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelar)

7.30 Secret Life of Toys (r) (5915575) 7.45 Lassie (r) (1033731) 8.10 Smurfs'

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceelax) (2034422)

1.00pm Secret Life of Toys (45171557) 1.15

1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceetax) (s)

(1004793) 3.55 News (3518441)

4.00 Cartoon (5774828) 4.05 To Me... to

5.35 Cricket - Second Test (s) (6892444)

7.30 Crack from the Pavement. Vendors of

8.00 War Walks: Mons (Ceelax) (s) (2489)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton

9.00 Bottom. Cornedy starring Ade Edmond-

9.30 Douglas starring stand-up comedian Felix Dexter as a black, middle class

son and Rik Mayali (4335)

6.40 The Champions (Ceefax) (452199)

12.00 Cricket - Second Test (s) (62538)

Adventures (5644354) 8.35 Bouncing

Back (r) (5183737) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (2108538) 9.25 Smart (7734557) 9.50

Puppydog Tales (3325422) 10.00

11.15 Spirits of the Yellow Leaves

Open View (24102002) 1.20 Brainwaves (88224278) 1.25 Wear It

Holiday (87587880) 2.45 A Life of

Knowledge (4644644) 3.00 News (1933170) 3.05 The Natural World

You (Ceefax) (s) (3534489) 4.30 Pirates (Ceefax) (809) 5.00 Newsround

(1631985) 5.10 Record Breakers (r)

the Big Issue in Scotland air their opinions

about life on the street (Ceetax) (s) (538)

returns to build a water feature for his

Irreverent Dennis Pennis (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOCE A Very Important Pennis (56489) Followed by Video

11.15 Cricket - Second Test (s) (169170)

12,00 FILM: I Was a Teenage Werewolf

(1957, b/w), Classic, B-movie action as

experimental therapy has surprising

Michael Landon, Yvonne Lime and Whit

Bissell Directed by Gene Fowler

Serpent (1957, b/w). More B-move madness. With Abby Datton, Susan

Cabot and Brad Jackson Directed by

Roger Corman (3910749) Ends at

1.15 FILM: The Viking Women and the Sea

esults for a juvenile delinquent. With

Nation Shorts

(2935213)

10,30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (551977)

reclaimed garden (Ceefax) (s) (1996)

bashing animals on the head and ne day, of course, an laughing. We are an aberration, invading power may strap by golly, but we just can't see it.

Back to the Wild, of course, has us all onto operating tables, show us cute pictures of baby no such perspective. If a speech animals, and give us vomit-inductherapist is brought in to treat a ing drugs. And it will serve us stammering pigeon in future right. Dark Secret (BBC2) gave weeks, nobody will suggest it's me the idea, if you're wondering. This new series began last night odd. Fronted (by no discernible logic) by Ash from Casualty. Back with the true story of gay men exposed to crude Pavlovian averaudience wants; and it appeals so sion therapy in the 1960s - REVIEW



Lynne Truss

aversion therapy so crude, in fact, that one man actually died of it. In those funny old days, they thought that if you showed beefcake pictures accompanied by an electric shock, the combination would somehow make gay men forsake their sexuality and lust after Brigitte Bardot. Whereas in fact, it probably just conditioned them to run screaming out of cinemas whenever the Rank Organisation showed that muscle-bound bloke with the big gong.

Dark Secret had done a good job

uncovering this interesting histori-cal episode. Survivors' recollections were interspersed with good original footage of Pavlov's dogs. and an earnest Tonight documer tary from 1964. But it didn't tell the full story. Was this treatment part of an official policy? Was it experimental?

Compensating for these unanswered questions, however, Dark Secret did recapture something of the early-1960s mores. The presenter of Tonight stood in front of Eros in Piccadilly Circus and informed the nation of a staggering statistic if all the secret homosexuals in Britain went on strike for a day, he said, the nation would grind to a halt. An interestingly unhelpful choice of image. this: painting gays as hidden subversives, awaiting their chance to beget economic collapse.

The man who died from aversion therapy was a gay soldier, of course, who received his fatal treatment in a military hospital. "Natural causes" it said on his death certificate - which shows how some things never change.

lsewhere on telly last night. in fact, we had another exposed military cover-up lan Potts's Secret History. Mutiny in the RAF (Channel 4) somehow stretched a full hour out of a minor episode in postwar India when servicemen rebelled and were court-martialled. It seems these men were cheesed off about not being sent home; they were expected to maintain colonial rule, while servicing BOAC aircraft. When they objected that they had been conscripted to fight a war (now over) they were threatened

with the firing squad. But when the secrecy is laid open, what is the result? Last

(BBC)) was dull, dull, dull, and I can't tell you exactly why because I kept banging my head on the fire-place as I fell off the sofa. Such unprecedented access to the military establishment promised well, but in the first instalment of this "major" series, the only incident of note was Nicholas Soames forget-ting his passport. Malcolm Rifkind was replaced by Michael Portillo as Secretary of State. In between meetings at the MoD. ministers sipped champagne and made wary small talk on lawns.

Perhaps the problem was the editing. "Look, chiefs of staff deciding to bomb Bosnia, you don't see that every day!" I kept thinking, just before slipping into coma. Perhaps someone subjected me to Paylovian conditioning, and I never knew. Perhaps that explains, too, why the mere sight of Nicholas Soames always makes me laugh out loud, like a hyena.

STREET VICTOR 6.00am Business Breakfast (26422) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefar) (57793) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax

9,20 Delia Smith's Summer Coller

10.20 Whitecoat (7342248)

10.55 Cricket — Second Test: England v

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4024915)

Pakistan. Live coverage of this

7.30 Future Fantastic. Featuring the notions of a man who wants to build an invisibility suit and a scientist whose work on antigravity in the 1950s is of interest to the

4.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth volunteers to help with a senior citizens' day trip to the coast (r) (4847)

who find the road to true love paved with

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Replaced at

10.00 Chicago Hope. Kronk amputates a man's leg using a chain saw (Ceelax) (s)

10.45 Parkinson: the Interviews
— Peter Sellers. A classic interview with the comic genius (825064) 11.25 FILM: The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976) with Peter Sellers, Inspector Clouseau's misadventures continue with the fourth of the Pink Panther series. This time, Clouseau is in the chief's seat, having driven his boss up the wall and into a lunatic asylum. Directed by Blake

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CHOICE

War Walks: Mons BBC2, 8.00om (not Scotland)

As Richard Holmes's series on British battles reaches the First World War it is able to draw on two resources not available for his recreations of Agincourt and Waterloo. One is film and the other the first-hand accounts of survivors. But he makes little use of either He prefers to to go straight to the bardefield itself and to rely on diaries and letters written close to the event. And who can say that it is not an effective formula? Holmes is a skilled raconteur as well as a military historian and he never loses sight of the human dimension. The Battle of Mons of August 1914 was the first British engagement of the war. Holmes evokes the holiday atmsophere in which the British troops went into battle, their heroic stand despite being greatly outnumbered and the tragically high casualty list, a taste of even worse things to come.

Filthy Rich: Monster! Monster! Channel 4, 8.00pm

If Eric Hall turned up as a character in EastEnders he would be laughed off screen as an absurd exaggeration. Which only goes to prove that life is larger than fiction. Hall. certainly, is. Fans have voted him the fourth most hated man in football. He is agent to 26 top players and makes most of his money from transfer deals. It is alleged that he encourages footballers to change clubs, just to make himself even richer. If only it were true, he retoris. Lawrie McMenemy of Southampton calls Hall as likeable rascal. He is also a bit of a comedian, playing to the camera as the archetypal East End hustler. complete with huge cigar and adoring Jewish mother. His favourite expression is monster!", his favourite suffix is "-ish", as in £12,000-ish" and he loves to plonk kisses on famous cheeks, such as Des Lynam's.

Safe and Sound: Near Mrs BBC1. S_30pm

No drama set in contemporary Belfast can hope to avoid reference to the sectarian divide and, sure enough, Timothy Prager's Thankfully, however, Prager is more concerned with human foibles and failings than banging religious drums. His guiding theme is marriage. Des McAleer and Sean McGinley, two fine and familiar Irish actors niay middle-aged friends in a state of marital disarray, with McGinley having unrequited designs on McAleer's sister (Michelle Fairley). Meanwhile a young couple planning to get wed are given discouraging advice by the elders. This is a likeable and easygoing show which achieves its humour the interplay of character and without having to shout.

A Very Important Pennis

BBC2, 10,00pm Dennis Pennis is the jokey fellow with the sawn-off red hair and Woody Allen voice who confronts celebrities at film premieres and the like and asks them insulting questions. In essence, though not in style, Pennis is a male version of Mrs Merton who also hides behind a fictional persona to say the otherwise unsayable. But while Mrs M uses a chat show format Pennis is a one-liner man and half an hour of one-liners can begin to pall. Having said that, Pennis for his writers) does come up with some prize specimens. "How come you're not funny any more?", he demands of Steve Martin, which is certainly rude but only reflects a common belief that Martin's films are not what they used to be. And telling Joan Collins that she looks like a million lire is not quite the compliment it sounds when you look at the Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (4207712)

9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletat) (s) (7721083)

9.50 Hope and Gioria (5157064) 10.20 News (Telejext) (5473422)

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12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1850996) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6858915) 12.55 Sixth Sense (Teletext) (s) (6833606) 1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (Teletext) (s) (6690606) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (87594170) 2.25 Murder,

She Wrote (s) (7814098) 3.20 News (Teletext) (1940460)

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5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (936199) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (476793)6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (560606)

6.50 Let's Go (973441) 7.00 Lucky Numbers. Hosted by Shane Richie (Teletext) (s) (5557)

7.30 Coronation Street. Mike Baldwin tells Ida Clough some home truths; the hunt tor Nick switches to Leeds (Teletext) (444)



Jeff Stewart as PC Hotils (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill., Hollis (Jeff Stewart) learns the hard way when somebody gives him Ideas above his station (9915)

8.30 is it Legal? Comedy set in a shambolic solicitor's office (r) (Teletext) (s) (8422) 9.00 Savannah. Tom and Peyton have a narrow escape when Reese turns up at the riverboat and almost catches them together (Teletext) (s) (4793)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (43915) 10.30 HTV West News (792847) 10.40 FiLM: Sword of the Valiant (1983) starring Miles O'Keele, Sean Connery

and Trevor Howard Fantasy set at the court of King Arthur. Directed Stephen Weeks (82663441) 12.40am Stand Up (8118300)

1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) (7619132)

2.15 FILM: In the Belly of the Whale (1984) starring Janna Marangosoff, Eisi Gulp and Silia Reize. German film about a policeman estranged from his wife, who has custody of their teenage daughter, finding himself facing a murder charge. Directed by Doris Dome (371010) 4.05 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (4578890)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (46294) 5.30 Morning News (37403)

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12.40 Comedy Central (4451652) 1.40 The Good Sex Guide (8567958) 2.40 cyber.cafe (1340213)

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11.45 Hunter (883248) S4C

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12.05pm Mork and Mindy (r) (4040953) 12.30 Lonely Planet: israel and the Sinai (r)

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1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (66354) 2.00 FILM: Possessed (1947 b/w). Powerful drama starring Joan Crawford in one of her most complex, intelligent performances. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (793) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (977) 5.00 Absolutely Animals (r) (Teletext) (s)

5.30 Crawshaw's Sketching and Drawing Course (r) (Teletext) (s) (557)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (Teletext) (s) (474335) 6.25 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (568248)

6,50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (971083) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (792489) 7.55 Book Choice. Harry Ritchie reviews Edinburgh guide books (Teletext) (s)



The monstrous Eric Hali (8.00pm) 6.00 Fifthy Rich. Monsterl Mon-sterl (Teletext) (7557)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (6064) 9.00 Cybill: An Officer and a Thespian.

(Teletext) (s) (2731) 9.30 Friends: The One With the List. To help resolve a romantic dilemma. Ross draws (Teletext) (s) (58335)

10.00 Frasier: Sleeping with the Enemy. Frasier marches into Kate's office, demanding a pay rise, but gets diverted. (Teletext) (s) (41557)

10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Comic improvisation series. (Teletext) (s)

11.05 Takeover TV (s) (158489)

11.35 The White Room Live music series. Among those appearing are East 17, Ruby Turner, Courtney Pine and Torn Jones with Wilson Pickett (s) (342606) 12.40am FILM: Head (1968). Starring the Monkees. A surreal tale of four "loveable

moptops" catabulted to stardom Directed by Bob Ralelson (s) (167497) 2.15 FILM: Blood Beast Terror (1967), Fairly gruesome, gothic horror starring Peter Cushing and directed by Vernon Sewell (7507861), Ends at 3.35am

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The Man with One Red Shoe (1985) (6:122) 2.00pm Camp Nowhere (1994) (80118) 4.00 Cold Turkey (1971) (5:118) 6.00 Curse of the Vilding Grave (1997) (40354) 8.00 Closer and Closer (1995) 10.00 The Chase (1944) (9:1248) 11.30 Shootlighter (1993) (6:23199) 1.10em The Culpepper Cattle Company (1972) (3020403) 2.40 The Cholrboys (1973) (204744) 4.40-6.00 Room Service

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EUROSPORT

7,30am Sailing (54644) 8.00 Rugby (26644) 9.30 Karring (13625) 10.30 Motorcycling Magazine (49249) 11.00 Sportscar (30064) 12.00 Live Formula 1 Sponscar (3004) 1200 Der Formal (70606) 1.00pm ()/mprc Garres (15267) 3.00 Strength (54083) 4.00 International Motosports Report (73118) 5.00 Formula 1 (1170) 6.00 Live Tenna (9273557) 10.00 Formula 1 (93460) 11.00 Boung (51557) 12.00-12.30am Pro Wresting (18316)

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Not: TV 4.30 Ray Bevan 5.00 Voice of Victory 5,30 Christian Music TV 5,45 Today with Marilyn 6,15 This Is Your Day 6,45-7,00 Good Morning Europe SKY SOAP

7.00em Guiding Light (1354539) 7.55 As the World Turns (5441847) 8.50 Penion Place (5431460) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5671538) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11.00em Boomerang (5491267) 11.30 American Vacation (3359083) 12.30pm Pierre Francy's Cooking in France (8128691) 1.00 Gelassay (2774118) 1.38



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Brooks sets

early pace

in US PGA

of birdies

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARK BROOKS, of the Uni-

ted States, thrived in torrid

first-round conditions at the

US PGA Championship at the Valhalla course in Louisville,

Kentucky, yesterday, making

six consecutive birdies in re-

cording a four-under-par 68 to

Brooks bogeyed both par

fives on the front nine, then started his run of birdies at the par-three 8th hole. Russ Coch-

par-three stri hole. Russ cocr-ran was still on the course at four-under through eight holes, and several other play-ers were steadily mounting challenge on the ten-year-old

Steve Elkington, the defend-

ing champion, from Australia,

got to four under until he failed to get down in two from a green-side bunker at the 14th

and took a bogey. Steve Low-

ery registered a hole-in-one at the 199-yard 3rd hole and was

at four-under after seven holes before consecutive bogeys

David Edwards, of the Uni-

ted States, also got to four-under with a birdie on the par-

five 10th hole, but then took

his only bogey of the day. He was at three under with three

Brooks, often overlooked, when the "best without

major" label is handed out,

seemed like he might get off to

the kind of start he had at the

He three-putted the 2nd

hole, a 515-yard par five, and

missed the fairway at the 7th

in dropping a shot on the par-

five hole but that is when his

putter got going, with birdies

He atoned for his poor pla

on the par fives with a birdie on the 18th, getting his second

shot pin high and just off the

green and chipping to within

Muggy, steamy conditions

practice rounds showed no

signs of letting up, despite the

chance of thunderstorms in

the forecast. Andy Martinez,

the caddie for Tom Lehman,

the Open champion, and Scott

Jones, carrying for Steve

Jones, the US Open champi-

on, showed up in shorts and

were told to change them on

the 2nd tee.

on the next six holes.

US Open when he shot a 76.

take the early lead.

course.

slowed him.

Faldo's progress

holes to play.

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Pakistan seize upon bowlers' failure to maintain full length at Headingley

Ijaz gives England short shrift

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY thirst day of five: England won toss): Pakistan have scored 281 for six wickets against England

THE Yorkshire public viewed the dramatic potential of this opening day at Headingley with depressing indifference but those who stayed away had little cause for contrition. England's performance matched the hollow atmosphere of a half-empty ground and their prospects of an equalising victory over Pakistan faded

It had all looked so propitious for England when Michael Atherton managed to win a toss at last, unleashed his fourman seam attack on a damp pitch and held a sharp gully catch to dismiss Saeed Anwar for one. There was a distinct sense of anticipation, a spreading conviction that the odds of 9-2 against an England win were insultingly long, a belief that this was to be one of those hectic Headingley days.

That it failed to materialise was because of three factors: England's bowling lacked discipline in the morning session: the pitch, pliable at that stage, did not quite contain the dreamt-of devils; and Ijaz Ahmed batted with gumption to make the highest score of his fragmented Test career.

Almost an hour after tea. Pakistan were 233 for three and it was not easy to divine where England might beg or borrow a wicket. Once Dominic Cork had ended a stand of 130 between Ijaz and his brother-in-law, Salim Malik. the evening belonged to England but their recovery extended only to poise and pride, not yet to a winning position.

To win from here — and win they must, to retain a chance of taking this Cornhill series -England need to bat better than of late. They must also do so, if the weather holds today. against bowlers of great quality armed with the Reader hall of their choice. Atherton having lost the toss on this issue.

He was undentably right to field first. With the players and conditions at his disposal. he really had no option. The emphasis being on seam rather than swing. he gave the new ball to Andy Caddick and Alan Mullally, holding back his regular pairing of Cork and Chris Lewis. It was Mullally who took the important wicket of Saeed as he

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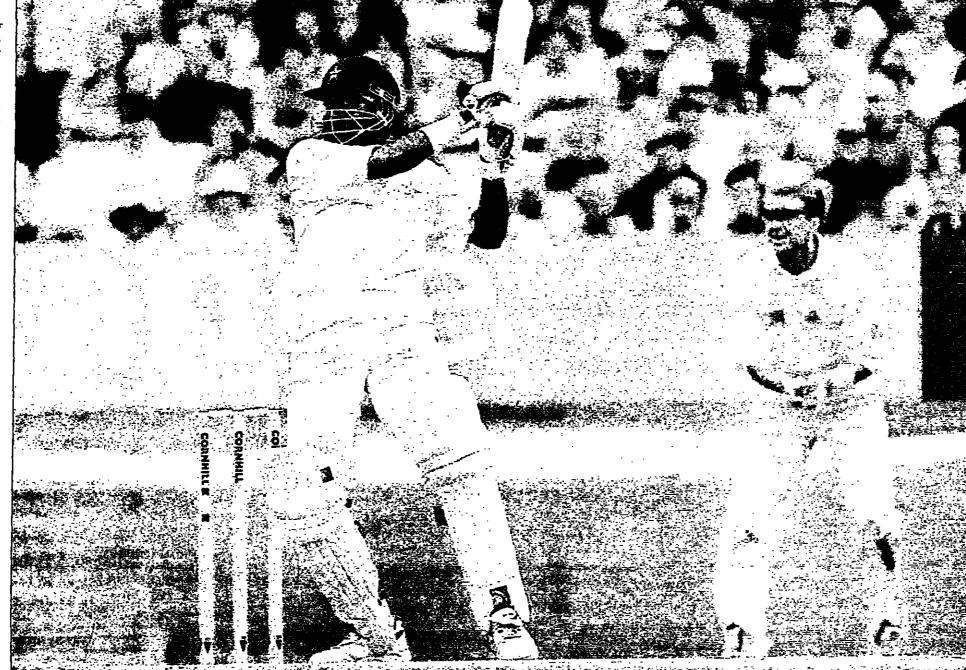
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Ijaz flays a ball from Lewis through the off side for four during his century for Pakistan on the first day of the second Test yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

aimed an inappropriately flashy drive, but it was Caddick who used the conditions best and had cause to feel

affronted by his figures. Gaining lavish sideways movement. Caddick almost howled both Jiaz and Shadah Kabir during his fourth over. In his next, he was denied a convincing leg-before appeal against Shadab, then went past his outside edge twice more. This was at once frustrating and promising for England; they were not taking

pulled with abandon. TWO

wickets but they must have been confident the wait would be worthwhile.

changed the bowling that they lost the plot. There is a length to bowl at Headingley, a length that holds good at all times but most especially when the surface is damp and slow and the skies overcast. Never bowl short is the trusted maxim, yet here were Cork and Lewis being cut and

Ijaz had begun his innings troubled by the memory of his humiliation at Lord's, when he fell so far across his crease that he was bowled, middle stump, behind his legs. Here he took guard outside leg stump to compensate, and he started nervily. Yet when Lewis donated three long-hops in a single over, Ijaz flogged them gratefully to the boundary and was instantly a different play-er. Lewis was withdrawn after four profligate overs, delivered without vigour or conviction. Cork looked little better,

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

(1 min, 10 balls)
Salim Malik b Cork.
(195m, 143 balls, 3 tours)
Ami Multabe not out.
(196mm, 143 balls, 3 tours)
Ami Multabe not out.
(196mm, 162 balls, 1 tour)
"Wasim Akram c Russell b Caddick ...
(17min, 12 balls, 1 tour)
(18toin Khan not out
(2 min, 19 balls, 1 tour)

Extras (16 7, nb 6) Total (6 wids, 90 overs, 378min) 281 Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis and Ala-ur-Rehman to bat

rapidly resorting to a six-pace

Caddick was recalled ten minutes before lunch and took a deserved wicket with the penultimate ball of the session Shadah went back to a ball that hustled on to him and, after due thought, umpire Bucknor upheld the leg5-252 (Asif 5), 6-266 (Asif 12

SCHOOL Caddick 26-5-77-2 (nb 1: 1 set, 9 kurs; 61-12-0, 71-24-1, 41-15-0, 5-1-15-0, 4-1-11-1; Mußally 24-6-73-2 (nb 3: 1 set, 8 kurs; 5-1-15-1, 9-1-26-1, 2-1-9-0, 8-2-23-0), Lewis; 18-2-62-9 (nb 2: 7 fours; 40-24-0, 60-21-0, 4-1-7-0, 4-1-10-0), Cork; 21-5-59-2 (nb 3: 7 hurs; 7-0-25-0, 7-2-23-0, 7-3-11-2); Thomps 1-0-3-0.

ENGLAND: "M A Atherton, A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thompa, J P Crawley, N V Knight, tR C Russell, C C Lewis, D G Cork, A R Caddick and A D Multally.

Umplies: S.A. Bucknor (West Indies) and D.R. Shepherd. Third umplies: R. Julian. Match referee: P.L. van der Merwe. SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Lord's): Pakistan won by 164 nuns. Test to corne: Third (The Oval): August 22 to 26 Compiled by Bill Frindsii

Inzamam, for whom seam ing pitches and a need for application are anathema, sliced Mullally to gully in the third over of the afternoon. The revival of English hopes was related to the fact that Salim had not scored more than 37 in any innings on tour but now, on the ground where

shadow of his former self. backside, which somehow Ijaz was living dangerously. symbolised England's day. Once, indeed, he was athletito defeat Salim and Caddick | that have taxed players during

emerged tentatively from the

cally caught by Cork at lon leg, from a top-edged pull against Caddick. Cork flung the ball away in jubilation before it was brought to his attention that no-ball had been called. Two overs later, Caddick tried again, Ijaz re-peated the shot and the ball

flew for six over fine leg. Between his indiscretions. ljaz played with character and

no little skill. When the ball was there to be hit, and too often it was, he flayed it unmercifully. His century came from only 128 balls and he then took hungrily to Mullally, hitting him for three fours in an over and pulling him to the old pavilion for six.

Finally, he was undone by a slower ball from Cork that he might have ruptured himself in trying to reach. The thin edge off a whirling bat carried to Russell and Cork spoilt a

tion ritual by slipping on his

Cork did produce a beauty

dispatched Wasim Akram

cheaply. Directly after play,

however, as Wasim bowled

some looseners on one side of

the ground and Atherton had

a brief batting practice on the

other, it was the captain of

Pakistan who wore the smiles.

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he made 99 in the 1987 Test, he Lewis slips back into old ways

or a day that was percrucial of the summer things seemed very flat yesterday. England's least restrained crowd was civility itself until the last hour of play, and even then the supporters on the western terrace abandoned their silly waving through lack of interest. After the scenes last year of drunkenness and general oafishness that was no bad thing.

From a partial point of view there was little to get het-up about. The Pakistanis not only occupied the crease, they also scored their runs at a healthy rate, and they are already in a good position to add another win to the one at

The new-found resolve and unity of these cricketers was evident again, as they fulfilled Wasim Akram's undertaking to play positive cricket. They would be even better off if Wasim had not swished rashly when Caddick took the new ball but that failure will only replenish his desire to make a significant impact on this

series with his bowling. As for England: well, it could have been worse. No sooner had the scorebook closed on "swinging Monday" at Lord's than England started talking about what they would do at Headingley if the pitch gave the seam bowlers any assistance. They

Michael Henderson is full of praise for Pakistan's resolve and positive approach

world.

had the chance to prove it yesterday, and did not make a convincing case.

Michael Atherton won the

toss, and the pitch, having emerged from its covers, was indeed responsive, far more responsive as it turned out

than England's pace quartet. Cork pulled things back a bit with two wickets after tea but the Pakistanis had got away by then, and they resume in a position Wasim would happily have settled for at start of play. England's bowling in the morning was

Lewis: unimpressive

ing of the day when the pitch was fresh, and he had a point to prove, having missed the Lord's Test with a strained thigh. It was so bad that, not for the first time in a frustratingly unfulfilled career, he is now bowling to stay in the team. As he watched the first session from the dressingroom balcony Darren Gough may have thought if that's the best he can do they can't possibly keep me out at the No wonder Atherton has lumbar problems. He has done his back in, bending

well against the most aggres-

their side? (Just joking). His

first spell was the worst bowl-

over to accommodate the whims and fancies of this talented all-rounder, and when he is repaid in this manner he must be tempted to administer six of the best with a blackthorn stick on Lewis's bare backside and say: "If you blub, you'll get double."

The morning spell was a shocker. Ijaz Ahmed belted three successive fours, and ran another, as Lewis went for 24 from four overs. Was it wise, Atherton and his selecindifferent and, as they soaked in their baths last tors might wonder, to pick night, they will have rued a somebody who had bowled lost opportunity. To win from this position their batsmen only 25 overs in the previous three weeks? There was no will have to play uncommonly discernible rhythm or purpose in his bowling, and England have already paid sive bowling team in the for his faltering steps to regain How would Lewis get on in

Held back by Atherton to take the second new ball couldn't run in with the commitment a captain has a right to expect, particularly after Caddick had nabbed Wasim when the ball was less than an

ppropriately Moin Khan hit the last bell of A the day, a friendly halfvolley, to the cover boundary, As he slept last night he will have dreamt of leaning into a lew more. Lewis did well enough

against India earlier this summer for David Lloyd to pronounce him the best bowler of the series, on either team. Talk about offering a hostage to fortune! This particular international career is 31 Tests old. and the previous 30 have told กง lies.

Memo to England: revenge is a dish best served cold.